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Upon completing the i-SAFE lessons, please direct your students to take the online post-assessment. Assessment data can be used by your school/district as a reliable measurement of its Internet safety education policy.

LESSON—Keeping It Personal

Suggested grade level 4

Risks in Posting Personal Information Online

Lesson Guide

This lesson focuses on an introduction to the risks in posting personal information online.

Learning objectives

Students will:

- develop a basic understanding of the terms: profile and personal information
- understand that posted personal information on the Internet is public
- understand that it can be unsafe to post personal information on the Internet
- tell an adult before filling out information online



Materials

- a copy of the activity page for each student

Procedures

Introduction

- Identify how many students in the class have gone online and posted information, such as their name, street address, or e-mail address.
- Use that information to guide the lesson discussion and activities. For example, if students have not filled out information online, they can still understand the concepts presented in the activities.

Activity

Provide a copy of the activity page to each student. The first section shows an example of an online profile form. Have students fill out the information on their forms.

Use the following open-ended questions to prompt discussion.

- Would it be safe to pass out the forms they just filled out to strangers on the street? Why or why not?
- Have their parents established rules about giving out personal information, such as their name and address, to strangers they meet or over the telephone?
- If yes, what are those rules?
- Notice that some parts of the profile describe things that you like. How can these things be used to identify you?

Discuss

- Read the second section of the activity page with the group. It provides some of the risks in posting personal information online.
- Explain that it is risky to post personal information on the Internet because it identifies you in the physical world. One must think carefully before posting.
- Reinforce that children need a parent's guidance when asked to fill out anything on the Internet.
- Ask the students if adults should be careful about posting their personal information on the Internet.
- Reinforce that the risks listed on the activity page also apply to adults.
- Guide the class to develop a general safety rule about posting personal information online. Examples: Ask a parent for help if you are asked to fill out an online form. Safety first: Don't post your information on the Web.

Activity

Have students write the safety rule in the last section of the activity page.



Students take their activity pages home and share what they have learned.

Reinforce that parents also need to keep their personal information private on the Internet.

Children who participate in activities and share what they have learned about Internet safety are more likely to practice safe habits online.

Additional materials and support for students, teachers, and parents on Internet safety topics are available from i-SAFE Inc. www.isafe.org.

ACTIVITY—Posting on the 'NET

Name _____ Date _____

A profile is a description.

Web sites often ask you to sign up by filling out a profile.

MY PROFILE

Name: _____

Street: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Country: _____

Phone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Date of birth: _____

Gender: _____

Number of people in your family: _____

School name: _____

Favorite celebrity: _____

Favorite music: _____



Anything you post online can be seen by strangers.

Information about you can be used to harm you.

- Someone can use your profile to pretend to be you.
- Someone can use your personal information to steal from you.
- Your profile can be used to find out where you live.
- Cyber bullies can use your postings in a negative way.

Use the space below to write the safety tip about online postings that your class came up with. Take this page home, and share the information with your family. Even adults need to know this information!