

South Huntington School District Presents: CYBER BULLYING & INTERNET SAFETY HOW TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD

We invite all concerned parents and residents to attend this adult only program on March 24th, 7:30PM at the South Huntington School District Office. Presented by Detective Michael Connolly of the Suffolk County Crime Division and Sharon Fellner, South Huntington School District's Technology Director, this presentation along with it's companion brochure is intended to give you an updated overview of internet safety and provide information about what you as parents or guardians can do to help ensure that your child's experiences on the internet are safe, productive, and fun. The internet can be an extraordinary resource, but it can also expose your children to risks. It is crucial to remember that when your child is on line, his or her safety may also be on the line. Together, we can help protect our children.

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The Internet, Your Child, and You

What every parent should know



Dear Parent:

This guide was written to explain basic safety measures that you can take to ensure that your child's experiences on the Internet are safe, productive, and fun. The single most important thing you can do to keep your child safe is to talk with him or her. Explain what dangers exist, and set clear ground rules. Revisit your rules and modify them, if appropriate, as your child becomes older. Encourage your child to talk about his or her experiences. If you are concerned about possible inappropriate use of the Internet, discuss these concerns with your child. The more you know, the safer your child will be.

Thomas Shea
Superintendent of Schools

Privacy and the Internet

The focus of this pamphlet is on the potential risks posed by your child's use of the Internet. However, parents must also be vigilant in striving to prevent personal information about children (e.g., photographs, lists of enrollees) from appearing on the Web pages of camps and organizations that run or sponsor programs for children. When you enroll your child in a program, ask if there is a Web site and visit it. Ask to review any existing privacy policy. If you are concerned about the types of information accessible to the public, you currently have numerous options available, including: (1) withdrawing or not enrolling your child, (2) seeking the development of a privacy policy or a modification of an existing policy, or (3) requesting that information about your child be excluded from any publicly shared information.

Questions About This Brochure and the Internet?

For technical questions, please call our Office of Technology at 631-812-3105. For all other questions, please call the principal of your child's school.

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