

A NOTE FOR PARENTS.....On internet safety

The internet offers a worldwide network of information for education, business, and entertainment uses. As with anything else, however, parental guidance ensures the most appropriate use for your child. While many children may be more comfortable with computers than their parents, the following suggestions can assist you in teaching your child to be “street smart” online and make sure that their experience is a positive one.

- ❖ Spend time with your child on the internet.
- ❖ If you do not know how to use it, have your child teach you.
- ❖ Spend time on the internet yourself. Educate yourself to what is out there.
- ❖ Be aware of the risks involved with using the internet. You can find: inappropriate material, people with bad manners and language, computer viruses, harassment, data theft, advertising scams, and MORE.
- ❖ Set acceptable use rules for your child.
- ❖ **Teach your child how to be safe on the Internet.**

Understand that there is no real control on the internet. There is no government or private organization in charge, no one controls the accuracy of information posted online. It is very easy and inexpensive to publish and distribute information on the internet to people all over the world. It is important that you and your child become good information consumers and learn how to protect yourselves.

El Dorado County Public Library does not monitor and has no control over the information accessed through the Internet and cannot be held responsible for its contents. As with other library materials, restriction of a child’s access to the internet is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian.

[Internet Consent Form for Minors](#)

For more information on internet safety, please see the following links:

www.netSMARTz411.org

www.safekids.com