

The Safe Surfers Guide

Never tell anyone else your passwords - even your best friend.

Be careful when using social networking sites such as bebo, myspace and facebook. Don't give out your personal details about where you live or what school you go to.

Be careful in chat rooms - just because someone says they are a young person, it doesn't mean they definitely are. If someone you've been chatting online wants to meet up, never agree without first checking with your parent/carer or youth worker first.

Don't meet up with someone off the Internet on your own - tell your parents or carers, and take a friend along with you. Make sure the place is a public one where lots of people will be.

Don't open e-mail attachments, unless you are sure they don't have a virus that might mess up your computer.

If someone is being nasty to you, asking you to do strange things or threatening you then leave the chat room and tell a parent, carer or youth worker about what happened.

Be careful when blogging. Use a nickname, not a real name. Don't write private or personal stuff and don't say anything nasty about anyone else.

Ask permission from your parent, carer or youth worker before you download files from a site onto the computer. Files may contain viruses or software that could mess up the computer and put others at risk.

