Digital Citizenship Parent Resources

Digital citizenship is a term that describes how a person should act while using digital technology and has also been defined as "the ability to participate in society online". Too often we are seeing students as well as adults misusing and abusing technology but not sure what to do. The issue is more than what the users do not know but what is considered appropriate technology usage. We need to help our children avoid these pitfalls.

NetSmartz
http://www.netsmartz.org/Parents

This site has several categories.
Each category has:
- An explanation of the topic
- Tips on what to do
- Discussion Starters on talking with your child
- Additional Resources: videos, posters and handouts

Common Sense Media
http://www.commonsensemedia.org/educators/scope-and-sequence

This site offers information on various topics, but is also broken down by grade levels: K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. The resources are appropriate for each age level.

Common Sense Media will require you to create an account if you are interested in downloading the lessons. It is free to create an account.

Report Cyber Bullying
- Colleyville Police Department
    - Detective Dorothy Tyler @ (817) 503-1241
- National CyberTipline - http://www.missingkids.com/cybertipline/

Internet Parental Control Services
http://www.consumersearch.com/parental-control-software
http://www1.k9webprotection.com
http://www.internet-filter-review.toptenreviews.com

Internet Safety Tips

Google Search is not built for kids researching school projects. It's built for everyone, looking for everything!

Follow the steps below to set up **SafeSearch** and **Instant Prediction** filters for Google.
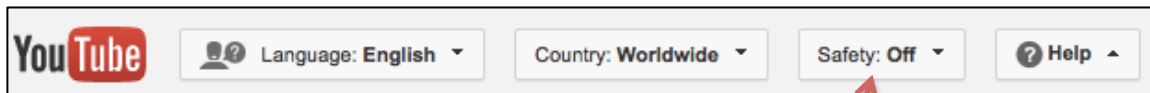
1. Go to: http://www.google.com/preferences
2. Under **SafeSearch filters** click **filter explicit results**. If you want to lock these settings, click on **Lock SafeSearch** (FYI you must have a Gmail account to lock SafeSearch. It's worth signing up for an account even if you never use it.)
3. Under **Google Instant predictions** click the **Never show instant results** radio button. Instant predictions pre-populate the search box with other popular searches that may be inappropriate, or not what your child is actually looking for.
4. Be sure to click **Save** after you make your changes.

SafeSearch filters

Turn on SafeSearch to filter sexually explicit content from your search results.

☑ Filter explicit results.   Lock SafeSearch

Google Instant predictions

When should we show you results as you type?

○ Only when my computer is fast enough.
○ Always show Instant results.
● Never show Instant results.

YouTube's "Safety Mode" disables videos with age restrictions and/or mature content from showing up in a video search. Note: the filter isn't 100% accurate. Google uses community flagging and porn image detection to also help identify and hide inappropriate content. Safety Mode on YouTube does not remove content from the site, but does make it invisible to those who have Safety Mode enabled.

1. To turn on Safety Mode, go to: www.YouTube.com
2. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click **Safety: off** to open the preference setting.
3. Select the **On** radio button

YouTube	👤 Language: English ▾	Country: Worldwide ▾	Safety: Off ▾	❓ Help ▲

4. Click **Save**.

Additional Resources
- Built in safety settings: http://www.pcworld.com/article/2042233/how-to-child-proof-the-internet.html
- Check http://www.internetsafetycheatsheet.com/ for more tips.