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Keep Students Safe Online This Summer

**This Online Safety Summer Packet
is your go-to resource for protecting
students during the break.**

Inside, you'll find a handy checklist for parents, engaging infographics, and essential tips—all designed to help families navigate the digital world safely and confidently all summer long.



Online Safety Summer Checklist for Parents

Summer break often means more screen time—making it the perfect time to reinforce safe, smart online habits. Learning.com is here to support families with tools and resources that help kids become responsible digital citizens, ensuring a safe, positive, and educational summer online.



Set Up Digital Boundaries

- Create daily screen time limits and schedule screen-free times.
- Set up parental controls on devices, apps, and home Wi-Fi.
- Review and adjust privacy settings on all apps, games, and websites.

Stay Cyber-Safe & Secure

- Use strong, unique passwords (and never reuse them across accounts).
- Watch out for phishing: Teach your child to be cautious with suspicious messages and links.
- Keep devices updated with the latest software and antivirus protection.

Teach Online Safety Basics

- Protect personal information: Never share full names, addresses, schools, or phone numbers online.
- Stranger danger online: Don't accept friend requests or communicate with people they don't know.
- Think before you post: Remind your child that once something is posted, it can be shared widely.





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Encourage Healthy Tech Habits

- Balance tech time with offline activities like outdoor play, reading, and family fun.
- Practice digital mindfulness: Discuss how online time can impact mood and sleep.
- Keep communication open: Make sure your child knows they can talk to you about anything that feels wrong online.

Explore Educational Tech

- Do a digital scavenger hunt: Use tech-based challenges to build skills.
- Teach digital literacy: Help your child learn to check sources and spot fake news.



Bonus Tip:

Create a Family Tech Agreement

- Work together to set family expectations for device use, screen time, and online behavior.
- Plan weekly check-ins to review:
 - Online safety reminders (personal info, cyberbullying, online interactions)
 - Apps, games, and websites being used
 - Privacy setting updates



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Reinforce Core Online Safety Messages (SMART Principles)

- S**afety First: Think before clicking unknown links or opening messages from strangers.
- M**eet and Mingle Carefully: Never agree to meet someone from online without parent approval.
- A**ssess, Don't Accept: Verify information instead of accepting everything as fact.
- R**eliable Sources: Encourage critical thinking when browsing online.
- T**ell Someone: If something feels wrong, talk to a trusted adult immediately.
- B**e Kind Online: Remind your child to treat others with kindness and respect online.

Weekly Reflection Questions:

- 1 How was screen time balanced with offline activities?
- 2 What online activities made you feel good? Which made you feel uncomfortable?
- 3 Is there anything you want to discuss with a parent or trusted adult?

