

Online Safety for Children

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Online Safety Leaflet

The purpose of this leaflet is to inform you about the online threats. Learn how to identify and protect against online threats.

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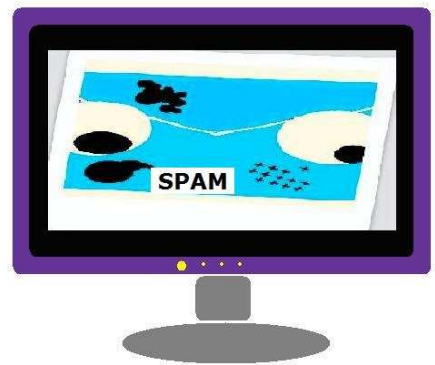
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Mr.

Spam



Definition – Characteristics

By the term “spam” we mean an unwanted (junk) email, which is usually sent from an unknown sender to many recipients. The content of spam email is usually an advertisement, a joke or a piece of false information.

How to protect

Here are some tips to help you protect from spam:

- ✓ Install spam-detection software and enable spam filters.
- ✓ Use one email for the strangers and your Internet services' accounts and one for your friends.
- ✓ Avoid giving your email address to unknown people.
- ✓ Avoid posting your email on the Internet. If you post it, replace the “@” with the word “AT” and the “.” with the word “DOT”.

example:

somebodyATsomewhereDOTcom



How to overcome

- ✓ Train your spam-detection software to recognize spam email.
- ✓ Don't answer or forward spam emails.

Virus

Gang



Definition – Characteristics

By the term “virus” we mean a program which gets into our computer, in many ways and without permission, in order to do harm.

How to protect

Some good ways to protect from viruses are:

- ✓ Install an Internet security software.
- ✓ Update the Internet security software!
- ✓ Do not open an email from an unknown sender.



How to overcome

- ✓ Scan often your whole computer with your Internet security software.
- ✓ Always keep backup of your work.



Ms

False Information

Definition – Characteristics

By the term “false information” we mean information that is incorrect and its source is usually unreliable.

How to protect

Try to:

- ✓ Get information from websites, written from people who are experts in their field.
- ✓ Avoid using websites that are giving information, without citing its source.
- ✓ It is also a good idea, to retrieve a piece of information from many sources and compare it to see if it matches.



How to overcome

- ✓ Find a reliable source of information.

Bros

Digital Footprints



Definition – Characteristics

By the term “digital footprints” we mean the digital trails that we leave every time we go online.

How to protect

Here are some tips to help you:

- ✓ Think before you post. What you post can be online forever!
- ✓ Don't post your personal data and photos.
- ✓ Don't post photos of your fiends.
- ✓ Don't post insulting comments about somebody.



How to overcome

- ✓ **IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO OVERCOME THIS DANGER!** However, if something published online insults you, ask the administrator of the website to delete it. If he refuses contact the police.

Baby Thief

F.F.F

(friends, family, free time) or addiction



Definition – Characteristics

By the term “addiction” we mean the state whereby children waste their free time, friends and family because they only engage in the Internet. In other words, they become addicted.

How to protect

- ✓ Set up a specific timeline to be online and make sure you won't exceed that limit.
- ✓ Find other ways to have fun, so you don't have to be on the Internet.
- ✓ Set up a “to do” list with daily tasks when online and stick to it.
- ✓ Have some breaks during the time you work or play online and make sure you stay away from Internet for a while, if you start feeling addicted.
- ✓ Don't stay online for more than one hour per day.



How to overcome

- ✓ Get advice from your parents or your teacher.
- ✓ If necessary consult a professional.

Traveling

Copyright Pirate



Definition – Characteristics

By the term “copyright pirating” we mean the violation of copyright. In simple words many people copy somebody else's intellectual property, without permission. The previous action is illegal.

How to protect

Here are a few tips to help you protect from copyright pirating:

- ✓ Install programmes, such as copyright witness, to protect you.
- ✓ Safeguard your copyrights.
- ✓ Avoid file sharing software.
- ✓ Do not use copyright-claimed digital content without permission.

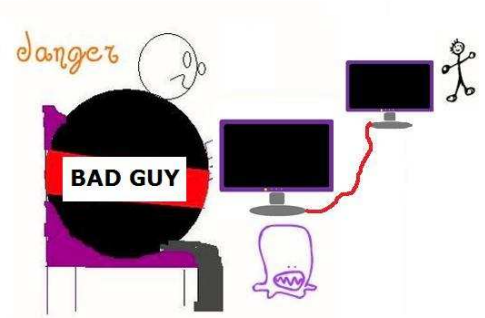


How to overcome

- ✓ Identify your copyrighted work and send an email to the experts.

Chat

Monster



Definition – Characteristics

By the term “chat monster” we mean a bad guy who is trying to take advantage of you by chatting with you.

How to protect

Here are some tips to help you:

- ✓ Don't chat with strangers and make sure the person you are chatting with is the person that you think he is.
- ✓ When you sign up to a social network and generally online services don't use your real name as a nickname. Use a name or a pseudonym that describes you, but make sure it won't attract the wrong attention.
- ✓ Don't arrange to meet with unknown people you may be chatting with and if it's really important for you to meet them, take an adult with you.
- ✓ If somebody tells you or sends you an inappropriate message, image or video tell it immediately to your parents.
- ✓ If somebody tells you to keep your friendship secret stop chatting and tell it immediately to your parents.



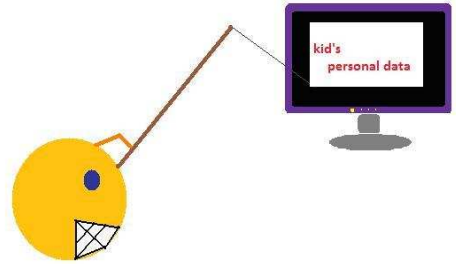
How to overcome

- ✓ If you have been a victim, tell it to your parents.

Mischievous

Phisher

PHISHING



Definition – Characteristics

By the term “phishing” we mean the theft of personal data. In other words a “personal data phisher” is a person or a software that is trying to “learn” your personal data.

How to protect

- ✓ Install and regularly update an Internet security software to protect you.
- ✓ Think before you post your personal data and if this is safe.
- ✓ Don't give your passwords and personal data to anyone.



How to overcome

- ✓ Report the theft to the authorities.

Our Team

Afrodite



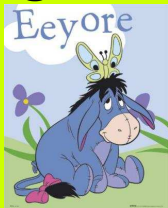
My name is Afrodite. I live in Nea Erithrea. In my free time I like to play the piano, ride the bike and read books.

Haris



My name is Haritini-Konstadina. I live in Athens. In my free time I enjoy dancing, singing, going to the cinema with my friends and reading books. I am a student of 6th year of primary school.

Ifigenia



My name is Ifigenia Alexandra. I live in Athens. In my free time I enjoy playing the guitar and the piano. My hobbies are ice skating, horse riding and reading books.

Eleni



My name is Eleni. I'm from Greece and I enjoy reading books, playing the piano, doing rollers and riding the bike.

Thank you!

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