

Stuff to Know: Gaming Safety

- If you run into an inappropriate player, **don't respond**. Block them, save any evidence, and report them.
- Choose gender-neutral, **appropriate screennames**.
- Don't share **personal information** through game chat.
- **Don't share** your account details, like passwords, with other gamers, or even your friends.
- **Never agree to meet** a fellow gamer offline if you do not know them in person.
- If something happens that makes you feel scared or uncomfortable, **tell an adult you trust**.
- **Remember**, if an advertisement or another gamer offers something that sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- If you're upset while gaming, **take a break** and cool off before continuing.
- **Respect other gamers** online and don't become a player that could get reported yourself.
- Gaming online involves **real people**. Think about what you say and do!

Stuff to Know: Chatting/Messaging

- **Remember** that not everyone you meet online is trustworthy.
- No one that you **meet online** should ask you to keep secrets from your trusted adults.
- Ask a trusted adult before sharing **personal information** with an online friend.
- **Be suspicious** if an online "friend" tries to turn you against your friends and family.
- **Don't accept gifts** from people that you meet online.
- A **real friend**, whether you've met them in real life or online, won't pressure you into doing anything that makes you uncomfortable.
- **Report** anyone who sends you or asks you to send inappropriate messages and photos.
- **Be a good friend**: talk to a trusted adult if someone you know is planning to meet offline.
- If someone asks you to meet offline, **tell a trusted adult** immediately.
- **Don't respond** to people asking you for personal or inappropriate information.

Stuff to Know: Who are you Online?

- **Stay in control** of your online reputation!
- **Don't post** information, photos, or videos you might regret later.
- Think about your **online image** (*Who will see this? What will they think?*)
- Use **privacy settings** to limit access to your page; don't let anyone – not predators or cyberbullies - gain access to information that's yours.
- Remember that online choices have **offline consequences** and in some cases, legal implications.
- **Consider** how fast information and images get forwarded to people beyond your group of friends via texting, IM, and e-mail – especially sexually explicit ones.

Stuff to Know: Information Travels Fast!

- Once you put something on the Internet, it's **out of your control**. Forever.
- **Talk with a trusted adult** about what information is OK to send online or through text messages.
- **Be careful** about what you share—it could end up *anywhere*!
- If you get a text, IM, or e-mail that was meant to be private, **think before you forward it**. Would you want someone to share your secrets?
- Mad at a friend or want to get back at an enemy? **Don't do it online**. Kids have been suspended and even arrested for posting mean and threatening messages.
- **Remember**, it doesn't take very long for a text message or online content to travel. Something that you regret saying now could be all over your school in a matter of minutes.
- **Talk to a trusted adult** about any information you receive or see online that makes you scared or uncomfortable.