

# Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman Consumer Tips



## Stay Safe On-line

Never provide any personal information about yourself or other family members without a parent's permission. Personal information includes:

- *first and last names*
- *addresses or telephone numbers*
- *school location*
- *physical descriptions*
- *account passwords*
- *social security numbers*
- *credit card numbers*

Never arrange a personal meeting with anyone you meet on-line without a parent's permission.

If someone says anything that makes you feel scared or uncomfortable, don't respond. Tell a parent or teacher immediately.

Some web sites are not meant for kids. If you accidentally come across one, leave immediately and tell your parents. Many of these web sites will say things like:

- *Adults Only*
- *XXX*
- *Must Be Over 18*

There is a lot of information on the Internet, but it's not always easy to know how reliable it is. People are not always what or who they claim to be, and not everything you read is true. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Even though you can't see the people you talk with on-line, you should still respect their rights and feelings. Don't use rude or inappropriate language.

Make surfing the Internet a family activity. Invite your parents along for the ride! Always talk to a parent or adults you trust about your on-line experiences.



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Dear Young New Yorker:

The Internet is an amazing new technology that has changed the way we learn, play, and communicate. Take advantage of what the Internet has to offer, but also remember to be a responsible member of the on-line community. Before you log-on, there are a few things to keep in mind.

Sincerely,

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