



Internet Safety Message

I will never respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused. If I get a message like that, I will tell my parents, my guardian, or the trusted adult in charge right away so that they can contact the online service. And I will not send those kinds of messages.

Overview

Students watch "Angela's Experience" and discuss the safe and unsafe online behaviors they identified in the vignette.

Program Goal

Enhance the ability of children to recognize dangers on the Internet.

Materials

- computer lab or computer connected to an LCD projector or television monitor
- "Angela's Experience" vignette from the NetSmartz "I-360" program
- paper

Activity

Hand out a piece of paper to each student. Have students divide the paper into two columns. Have them label the columns "Safe Online Behaviors" and "Unsafe Online Behaviors." Tell them they need to watch for safe online behaviors that Angela demonstrates. As they recognize safe behaviors, have them write those down in the first column.

After the story is over, have the students think of how a typical person might have reacted to the situation and make a list of unsafe behaviors for every safe one they listed. Have the

students write these behaviors in the second column titled "Unsafe Online Behaviors."

In pairs, have the students share their lists with their partners and discuss the possible consequences for each safe and unsafe behavior. If there is time, invite some of the students to share comments with the class.

Safe Behaviors Exhibited by Angela

- username doesn't give her real name, age, or location
- ignores the flame
- continues to ignore the person sending her flames
- decides not to go into the chatroom anymore
- turns off the computer *monitor* without deleting the E-mail
- tells her mom what had been happening
- Angela and her mom call law enforcement

Possible Unsafe Behaviors

- using personal identifiers in her username
- responding to the flame
- responding to or attempting to retaliate against the person who is harassing her
- continuing to visit the chatroom
- deleting the E-mail, responding to the E-mail, or turning off the computer
- deciding not to tell an adult who can help
- trying to handle the situation alone