



4 ROOT SAFETY ENVIRONMENTS

INTERNET SAFETY

- Always keep your personal information to yourself and off of the Internet.
- Always check first with your parents before sending any photographs online.
- Always check first with your parents before meeting someone in person that you first met on the Internet. Remember to meet in a public place and bring a trusted adult with you.
- Always check first with your parents before entering a chat room. Remember that people on the Internet are not always who they say they are.
- Always trust your instincts. If something does not seem right or makes you feel uncomfortable, speak to a trusted adult.
- Always talk with your parents about what you are doing online and who you are speaking to.

STORE SAFETY

- Stay in the store at all times.
- Stay where you are and call out for your parents/guardians.
- If anyone tries to take you out of the store, yell "This is not my Mom/Dad!"
- If your parent/guardian does not come back, ask a sales clerk for help.
- Always take your parent/guardian with you to the bathroom and to any areas of the store that may interest you.
- Be aware of lures that could be used to trick you.

STREET SAFETY

- Walk away from adults asking for help and tell a trusted adult. Remember that adults should receive help from other adults as opposed to children.
- If asked to go somewhere or accept something from an individual and your parents don't know, say "No," until you first receive permission from your parents.
- Ask parents/guardians for permission before going into someone else's home.
- If there is an emergency and you need to ask someone that you don't know for a phone, ask to use a cordless outside in public view.
- If at any time you feel uncomfortable, make up an excuse, call your parents, and go home.
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HOME ALONE SAFETY

- If possible, ask your parents/guardians if you can have a buddy/friend over. There is strength in numbers.
- Keep all doors and windows locked. Only open the door for people your parents/guardians have given you permission to let in.
- When answering the phone, always pretend a parent/guardian is home.
- Keep all emergency phone numbers by the telephone.
- Keep the volume on the T.V. and stereo turned low so that you can stay alert to your surroundings.
- Keep phone conversations with your friends short so the phone line is not busy, in case someone needs to contact you.
- Do not discuss in public that you will be home alone.

