

In the Know: **ONLINE SAFETY**

Online is a great resource for research, games, education, and keeping in touch with friends. But, by being a part of the online community, you're also at risk for fraud, abuse, or other illegal activities.



69% OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCED AN ONLINE SECURITY THREAT IN THE LAST YEAR.



SECURITY THREATS

Dangerous sites and bad online habits put your personal and financial data at risk.

- Don't click on pop-up windows or unknown attachments and do not download unfamiliar apps, they can infect your computer with viruses.
- Only visit websites that you trust and that have straightforward privacy policies.
- Use additional tools like antivirus or anti-spyware programs.

ILLEGAL ACTIVITY

Sharing music and videos or illicit images may be illegal and result in jail time or fines.

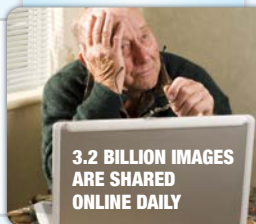
- Any e-book, song, movie, or television show that is copyrighted cannot be copied or shared legally, even if you paid for it.
- Distributing explicit images of someone without their consent is illegal in many states. If they are underage, it can be considered child pornography.



SHARING PHOTOS

Shared photos don't go away and may follow you, affecting your career and personal life.

- Never share sexually suggestive pictures of yourself or photos showing you exercising poor judgment.
- Before sharing photos, edit them to crop out private information, such as your address.
- Only share photos with close family and friends.



46% OF TEENS REPORT EXPERIENCING CYBERBULLYING



CYBERBULLYING

Online bullying is just as hurtful as it is in the real world - and in some cases, it's illegal.

- Don't forget that things you post online are visible to a lot of people.
- Never send pictures or post comments that would be hurtful to another individual.
- Keep your private information private.

SOCIALIZING AND COMMUNICATING

Exercise caution when meeting new people online to avoid making yourself vulnerable to fraud.

- Don't respond to any messages that ask for information like your username, password, or other confidential items.
- Don't post personal information online.
- Don't share confidential information.



PLAY IT SAFE AND BE ONLINE AWARE!