Are you Web aware? A checklist for teens ages 13-17



YES NO I know how to protect my privacy on the Internet by not sharing personal details in chatrooms, newsgroups or instant messaging. This includes my name, gender, age, address, e-mail address, telephone number, picture, credit card information or passwords. I talk to my parents about what I'm doing online and who I chat with. I read the privacy policies on Web sites before filling out online registration or contest forms to make sure they will not be sharing my information. If I encounter disturbing material or harassing messages online, I don't respond. I tell a parent or another adult and my Internet Service Provider. If I am planning to meet an online acquaintance in real life, I get permission from a parent first. I arrange the meeting for a public place and I don't go alone. I try to confirm that online information is correct by finding out more about the author and by checking it against other sources. I respect others online. I never "flame" or insult others or spread gossip. I know the following activities are illegal and I don't practice them: hacking, making physical threats and downloading pirated software. I respect copyright by not stealing from other Web sites or using plagiarised material for homework assignments. I check with my parents before making financial transactions online, including purchasing, ordering or selling anything.

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