ONLINE SAFETY FOR KIDS

Develop Cell Phone Rules

When you decide your children are ready for a mobile phone, teach them to think about safety and responsibility.

Establish responsible use:
Do you allow calls or texting at the dinner table? While doing homework? These are the types of questions you should establish and discuss with kids to set boundaries.

Don't stand for mobile bullying:
Talk to your kids about treating others the same way they want to be treated. It is easy to hide behind a screen and forget to apply manners and ethics.

Decide on options and features:
Things like privacy settings, web filters, and child-safety controls should be discussed with your mobile phone carrier. For all online use, it is smart to utilize parental control tools.

Get familiar with social mapping:
Many mobile phones have GPS technology installed. Advise your kids to use this feature only with people they know and trust, not to broadcast their location to the world.

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