# Internet, Mobile Phones, and Texting Safety Tips for Kids

- <u>Do not</u> post personal information online (name, age, birth date, address, telephone number, or school name). This information can be used by others to find out where you and your family live.

- <u>Do not</u> post your picture or pictures of your family online – they can be copied or changed or used to find you.

- <u>Do not</u> send any inappropriate photo or message by email or text.

- <u>Do not</u> post your plans and activities in a chat room or on your personal website. Do not post entries that make it clear that no one is at your home.

- <u>Do not</u> communicate with someone who has made you uncomfortable or afraid. Tell your parents or a trusted adult if someone does.

- <u>Do not</u> join online groups or games without talking to your parents.

- <u>Do not</u> meet with someone you met online without first telling your parents or guardian.

- <u>Do not</u> post hurtful or inappropriate messages. If someone else posts hurtful or inappropriate messages -- do not respond, but do tell a teacher, parent or other adult.

- <u>Do not</u> click on any link that you do not know, and you are not sure is legitimate.

- <u>Do not</u> buy any "apps" or "in app" purchases without talking to your parents or guardian.

- <u>Do not</u> enable any location services without talking to your parents or guardian.

- <u>Do</u> remember that people can lie online and say they are something they are not. Someone who says they are a 12-year-old girl could really be an older man looking to harm you.

- <u>Do</u> save messages that upset you and show them to your parents.

- <u>Do</u> share your password with your parents.

- <u>Do</u> visit www.netsmartz.org to learn more about Internet safety.