

Router's Birthday Surprise



Overview

Students watch *Router's Birthday Surprise* and discuss what kinds of things they can do online. They will play a game to help them learn the four rules of Internet Safety.



Materials / Preparation

- *Router's Birthday Surprise*
- Computer lab or computer hooked up to an LCD projector
- Attachment 1 - Possible Online Situations
- Attachment 2 - NetSmartz Internet Safety Pledge
- 2 bells or buzzers



40 minutes



Introduction

Show *Router's Birthday Surprise* and ask students: *What kinds of fun things can we do on the Internet?* E-mail, IM, blogging, watching videos, reading jokes,

playing games, etc. Explain to students that even though there are some great things to do online, there are also some things they need to watch out for.



Activity

Tell students that they will now play "What Rule Is It Anyway?" just like Nettie and Webster did. Pass out the NetSmartz Internet Safety Pledge (attachment 2) and read the four rules aloud.

Place a table or desk at the front of the room and put two bells or buzzers on the desk with a copy of the safety pledge for reference. Have students

come up two at a time. You will read the situations from attachment 1 aloud and have them buzz in when they know what rule they should use in that situation. Have them read the rule aloud to practice their reading skills. Continue the game until everyone has gone once or you have read all the possible online situations.



Follow-Up

Have students sign the pledge and take it home for their parent or guardian to sign. Explain that the safety pledge is like a promise and when they sign it they are promising to follow the four rules

of Internet safety. Optional: show students how to send an e-mail at www.NetSmartzKids.org and have them send an e-mail to Clicky, Nettie, or Webster explaining what they learned.



Possible Online Situations

1



You are playing a really cool bowling game online. Suddenly a pop-up comes on the screen. It says that you can enter a contest to win a new Xbox if you type in your telephone number.
What rule should you follow?

2



You're IMing your friend online about a new TV show that just came out. He says he watched it, but thought it was dumb and that you're dumb for liking it. You are really angry with him and hurt that he made fun of you.
What rule should you follow?

3



You receive an e-mail from someone who says he is your friend's Dad. He says he has just cleaned out your friend's room and is giving away some old toys. He asks you to meet him outside so he can give you the toys.
What rule should you follow?

4



All of your friends are talking about this great new website with the best games ever, but to play you have to sign up. You check out the website and find out that to sign up, you have to send them your name, telephone number, home address, and e-mail address.
What rule should you follow?

5



You are writing an e-mail to your grandmother when you get a pop-up on your screen. The pop-up says that if you enter your e-mail address, you can win a trip to Disney World. You've never been to Disney World and you really want to go.
What rule should you follow?

6



You are playing a sports game online and talking to the other players on your headset. One of the other players gets mad at you for winning and says he's going to come to your house and hurt you. You get really scared.
What rule should you follow?

7



You are talking to someone online who says he really likes basketball, but he doesn't have anyone to play with. When you tell him that you play basketball every weekend with your dad at the park, he asks if he can come, too. He asks where you'll be so he can come and meet you.
What rule should you follow?

8



Your sister stole \$5.00 from your mom's purse. You didn't want to get blamed for it, so you told your parents about it and your sister got in trouble. She sent you a mean e-mail calling you names and says she's going to tell all your friends that you're a tattletale. You are really mad at her and you want to send a mean e-mail to her, too.
What rule should you follow?



9



You've been playing a game online where you get to shop for virtual clothes and talk about new fashions with other players. One of the girls you're talking to is really nice and likes the same clothes you do. She says it would be so cool if you could meet and go shopping together in real life.
What rule should you follow?

10



You are surfing the Internet looking for pictures of penguins for your science project. You click on a link that says it has lots of pictures of penguins. The pictures on the site are not penguins at all; they're inappropriate pictures of people. You feel really sad and confused when you see the pictures.
What rule should you follow?

11



You are talking to your cousin online and she starts making fun of you. At first you laugh it off, but then she gets really mean and makes fun of your hair and the way you talk. You are really mad and want to say mean things to her, too.
What rule should you follow?

12



You are watching videos of your favorite singer online. When you try to click on one of the videos, you accidentally click on something else and are taken to a website you didn't mean to go to. That website has pictures and words that you don't understand and make you feel scared.
What rule should you follow?

13



You are a big fan of a TV show called *Dino-Rock!* You're playing on their website one day when you see that they have a new fan club. If you sign up for the fan club, you can get all kinds of free *Dino-Rock!* toys. The sign-up form for the fan club asks for your e-mail address.
What rule should you follow?

14



You sign onto your e-mail account and see an e-mail from a girl in your class. In the e-mail, she makes fun of your hair and tells you that nobody likes you. The e-mail makes you very mad and you feel like sending her a mean message back.
What should you do?

15



You are playing one of your favorite games online. Suddenly, you get a pop-up on your screen with a nasty picture. The picture makes you feel confused, so you click the "X" to close it, but then even more keep popping up. Your screen is full of nasty pop-ups.
What rule should you follow?

Answers
1. Rule #2 / 2. Rule #4 / 3. Rule #3 / 4. Rule #2 / 5. Rule #2 / 6. Rule #1 / 7. Rule #3 / 8. Rule #4 / 9. Rule #3 / 10. Rule #1 / 11. Rule #4 / 12. Rule #1 / 13. Rule #2 / 14. Rule #4 / 15. Rule #1



My Rules for

Internet Safety

I will use the Internet responsibly. That means making smart decisions about what I look at, who I talk to, and what I say. I pledge to be safer online by following these rules:



1

I will tell my trusted adult if anything makes me feel sad, scared, or confused.

2

I will ask my trusted adult before sharing information like my name, address, and phone number.

3

I won't meet face-to-face with anyone from the Internet.

4

I will always use good netiquette and not be rude or mean online.



signed

signed