Internet Safety Lesson Plans

Grade Level – Elementary

Objective
Students will define characteristics of an inappropriate Internet site.
Students will learn Internet safety guidelines for using the Internet safely.
Students will learn what to do if they come across inappropriate material on the Internet.

Materials
Hand out the Internet Safety Guidelines (provided below) to each student.

Instructional Procedure

Explain to the children that the Internet is like a big library. Within the library there are sections where there is an “adults only” section. If they come to one of these sections, the student then must tell a teacher/parent.

Class discussion regarding the following Internet Safety Guidelines for Children:

1. Follow the rules that your parents/teachers set for your online activities.
2. Do not give personal information such as your address, telephone number, parent’s work address or telephone number, or the name and location of your school.
3. Tell your parents/teachers if something that you came across online makes you feel uncomfortable.
4. Never agree to get together with someone you “meet” online without your parents permission. If your parents agree to the meeting, be sure the meeting is in a public place and take them with you.
5. Never respond to message or bulletin board items that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, threatening, or make you feel uncomfortable. Give a copy of such messages to your parents and have them forward it to your Internet service provider.
6. Never send pictures of yourself or any other personal material to a friend you meet online without telling your parents first.
7. Follow the rules that your parents/teachers set for your online activities.
8. There are places in the Internet that are for adults only. If you find yourself one of those areas, LEAVE and go to one of the cool places on the Internet.
9. Call the Cyber Crime Hotline if you come across unwanted images and photos at 1-800-843-5678 or your local law enforcement.

Evaluation
Students will list at least five characteristics of an inappropriate Internet site.
Students will be able to explain what the Internet guidelines are, and who to tell when they come across an inappropriate internet site.

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