


DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP SERIES

DIGITAL SECURITY



DIGITAL SECURITY is being secure online. For example, do not ever share personal information like your full name, address or phone

number. Keep your password safe so that other people cannot access your accounts and information. Install anti-virus software to keep your computer

safe from damage. Backing up your files will keep your information secure in case there is any damage to the computer.

DIGITAL SECURITY STATISTICS

- > The average teen Facebook user has 300 friends; while the average teen Twitter user has 79 followers.
- > 60% of teen Facebook users keep their profiles private.
- > 44% of parents of online teens say they have read the privacy policy for social media and other websites their child uses.
- > Microsoft research showed that nine out of 10 users do not regularly back up their computer files.



WHAT TEENS SHARE ONLINE

1. 91% post a photo of themselves.
2. 71% post a school name.
3. 53% post their email address.
4. 20% post their cell phone number.

According to a Pew Research Study.



HOW TO KEEP PASSWORD SAFE

- > Create a password that is at least eight characters and includes a mix of upper and lower case letters, numbers and special characters like *#.

k1ce40LX%29z3

- > Do not use a complete word, your user name, real name, school name or date of birth as a password.
- > Change your password regularly and do not use passwords that you've used previously.

For more information to keep yourself and your family safe online, visit: <http://www.onguardonline.gov/>



How Safe Is It Online?

- > 21% of internet users have had an email or social network account taken over by someone else without permission.
- > 13% of internet users have experienced trouble with a friend or family member due to something that was posted online.
- > 11% of internet users have had personal information

stolen, such as Social Security numbers, credit card numbers, or bank account information.

- > 6% of internet users have been a victim of a scam and lost money.
- > 4% of internet users have been led into physical danger because of their online interactions.

Source: asecurelife.com, pewinternet.org

Talk About It

What steps do you take to keep yourself safe online? Do you have a password to access your cell phone? Do you have secure passwords for your laptop, PC, and online accounts? How many

people know your passwords? What are the risks of leaving your computer/laptop open in the classroom while you are away from your desk? How can you avoid that risk?



In The News

The newspaper features many stories about safety. There may be information about digital security at a local school or company. Stories about sports safety may be featured. You may find information about

first aid and safety prevention tips around the home. Create a Venn diagram that compares and contrasts a news story about safety to this article about digital safety.

Try It:

With a partner, create a Top 10 List of digital safety rules and suggestions. Remember to include ideas for cell phones, computers and other digital devices. Post the lists around the school.

Academic Standards: Reading nonfiction text for main idea and supporting details. Making text-to-text connections. Writing for a specific purpose and audience.