

Computer Safety: Top Tips for Parents for Cyber Security Awareness Month

In honor of National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM), Safety Web has put together a comprehensive resource article for parents to keep themselves, their children and their Internet-accessible devices safe. Parents can also use this information as an educational tool to help teach their children valuable lessons about cyber security.

“The Internet is no longer a novelty. It is an established presence in many, many people’s lives. Having grown from a computer-based ‘fad’ to an integral part of mobile phone technology, the Internet has become a must-have item for not only business people and students, but just plain folks. Visit the links below to help protect yourself and your child from Internet threats.” You can also visit the Springer Schools web site at www.springerschools.org to view more information from the Safety Web website on Cyber Security in the 21st Century.

There are several valuable online sources where you can find additional learning materials about cyber security. You can visit the information below for more resources on Internet Safety.

The National Cyber Security Alliance’s website is a great source. There are posters and lesson materials for both K-12 and for higher education. Classroom educators can find these materials at: <http://www.staysafeonline.org/>.

Microsoft, a partner in National Cyber Security Awareness Month, has a website dedicated to online safety. PC users will find Windows specific tips for Fraud Prevention and Data Protection, specifically, and other useful advice for Internet safety on this site. <http://www.microsoft.com/protect/default.aspx>.

The United States Computer Emergency Readiness Team’s website keeps current with alerts and tips to deal with online threats. One can sign up to receive these via email, or visit the site directly to keep current. <http://www.us-cert.gov/index.html>

Parents looking to learn how to keep their children safe online can find resources, tips, and tools on the following sites:

<http://www.ikeepsafe.org/>

<http://getnetwise.org/>

<http://www.connectsafely.org/>

Lastly, visit the blog at Safety Web often for up to date information about identifying and dealing with the latest Internet security issues. There are resource lists for parents, as well. <http://blog.safetyweb.com>