

Cyberworld-Help for Cyber Situations

- Social Networking.....** See how it works. Establish your own profile. It is normal for children to seek privacy at certain ages. You determine when and where it's appropriate to give. If you are a "friend" and able to view all your child's activity, that may be more supervision than your child wants. Many will establish a second profile that you don't know about.
- MySpace members must be 14 years of age or older. Bebo members must be 13 or older.
 - <http://www1.myspace.com/misc/tipsForParents.html>
 - www.myspace.com, www.facebook.com,
 - <http://www.bebo.com/SafetyTips.jsp>.
or whatever social networking site your child uses.
- Ignore, Stop, and.....** The lesson to ignore bullies hasn't changed. Do not allow defensive Block
Block or counter communications. Block access by deleting bullies from social network "friends" and instant messaging "buddy" lists.
- www.stopcyberbullying.org
- Passwords.....** Teach your children to use and protect them. Passwords used for social networking profiles, instant messaging programs, and email accounts should be shared with parents but not friends.
- <http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/story?id=2475050>.
- Respect Others.....** Children who learn and demonstrate respect for others must understand that it applies to their cyber lives too.
- www.cyberbully411.org
- One on One Situations.....** Evaluate adult-child one-on-one situations. Has someone you know been victimized.
- www.darkness2light.org

