Internet Safety
Utilize the Internet without Fear

“On the Internet, nobody knows you’re a dog.”

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One-to-One Computer Help Labs

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3-5 (Maplewood)

Wednesdays
5-7 (Roseville)

Thursdays
1-3 (Roseville)

**E-Reader help labs are Tuesdays 2-4pm in Roseville

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The internet is a place full of possibilities! Follow these simple guidelines to ensure that you and your information stay safe.

1. Passwords: protect your personal information and block out viruses

Many different websites on the internet require passwords: online banking, email, social media accounts, Amazon, Ebay, and other web merchants.

What makes a strong password?

A strong password is composed of a variety of numbers, letters, symbols, and a combination of upper and lower cases.

Ex. G@ndalf38

Sometimes when creating a password, a bar will appear next to your password to let you know how strong it is.

2. Wireless Networks

Only connect to wireless networks that you recognize and trust. e.g. RCL wireless network, wireless networks at a coffee shop, the wireless network of a friend or family member

For your own personal wireless network (at your home), create a password and only give it out to people you trust
3. Email: a great resource as long as you are communicating with the right people

**Do not** respond or open any suspicious emails. **Do not** follow links in suspicious emails or open any attachments.

What is a suspicious email?

- Any email that asks for personal information, such as your social security number, date of birth, home address, log-in and password info, banking account numbers, etc.

- Any email from someone you don’t know (often times asking you for money or letting you know that you’ve won lots of money)

- Any e-mail that sounds too good to be true

- An email that seems like spam but comes from someone you know (they’ve probably been hacked)

![Suspect Email Example](image)

4. Web Browsing

Always close out of pop ups. **Do not** follow links in a pop up.

![Web Browsing Link Example](image)
Not a pop up:

You can follow a pop up that is from a program that you trust. It might be software on your computer or a company that you trust. A quick Google search with generally let you know if the program is safe.

Buying Items Online

When the site prompts you to enter your credit card information, check to make sure that the site is secure.

5. Social Media

Never accept a friend request on a social media site if you do not know the person.

Be wary of uncharacteristic or unusual behavior from someone who you do know (they have probably been hacked).
5. Antivirus Protection

What is a virus?

A malicious computer program that transmits itself to other computers.

Common viruses:
- Spyware/Adware
- Malware
- Trojan Horse
- Worm
- Ransomware

What do viruses do?
- Steal sensitive information
- Damage files
- Show deceptive messages
- Slow down your computer

How do you get a virus?
- Illegal file sharing
- Pornographic websites

Antivirus software

Ex. Symantec, McAfee, Kaspersky, AVG, Avira, etc.

Watch out for Fake Antivirus Software

Sometimes virus makers will offer fake antivirus software that’s actually a virus
Ex. Antivirus Agent Pro, Flobo Free Antispyware Clean, Home Antivirus 2010, Virus Remover Professional
6. Family Safety

You can easily set parental controls on your computer

1. Open Parental Controls by clicking the Start button, clicking Control Panel, and then, under User Accounts, clicking Set up Parental Controls. If you are prompted for an administrator password or confirmation, type the password or provide confirmation.

2. Click the standard user account for which you want to set Parental Controls.

3. Under Parental Controls, click On.

4. Once you’ve turned on Parental Controls for your child’s standard user account, you can adjust the individual settings that you want to control. You can control the following areas:

   - **Web restrictions.** You can restrict the websites that children can visit, make sure children only visit age-appropriate websites, indicate whether you want to allow file downloads, and set up which content you want the content filters to block and allow. You can also block or allow specific websites. For more information, see Limit the content that children can view on the web.

   - **Time limits.** You can set time limits to control when children are allowed to log on to the computer. Time limits prevent children from logging on during the specified hours and, if they are already logged on, they will be automatically logged off. You can set different logon hours for every day of the week. For more information, see Control when children can use the computer.

   - **Games.** You can control access to games, choose an age rating level, choose the types of content you want to block, and decide whether you want to allow or block unrated or specific games. For more information, see Specify which games children can play.

   - **Allow or block specific programs.** You can prevent children from running programs that you don’t want them to run. For more information, see Prevent children from using specific programs.

Follow this link for more information: http://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-vista/Set-up-Parental-Controls

There is other content blocking software such as Norton Family, Web Filter, OpenDNS, etc.

Remember: The internet is generally a safe place. Be cautious and use common sense.