

Protecting Children in Cyberspace.

Let us celebrate how the Internet has changed the way we live by connecting us to the world whilst uniting all Malaysians.



The Internet is good, use it wisely. Protect our children in cyberspace.

The Internet has changed the way we communicate, learn and live by opening Internet has to offer, we have to also be aware of the dangers that lurk within. up our world to endless possibilities. We can now see the world without As parents and guardians, it is our responsibility to ensure that children can leaving our home, learn without books and even meet people from all over safely access the Internet and its valuable resources without fear of falling the world without actually seeing them. However, with all the good that the prey to unscrupulous predators in cyberspace.

The dangers and threats:



Cyber-bullying

These days, children are open to bullying even while surfing the Internet. They can be tormented, threatened, harassed, humiliated, embarrassed or otherwise targeted by another person online, which can affect their self-confidence and personal development.



Racial abuse & hate

The most common expression of racial abuse is through racist name-calling and its impact on children can be profound. The Internet has given us instantaneous global access which can promote greater communication, understanding and respect. However in some cases, this global reach makes it easier to spread racial abuse and hate.



Pornography

With over 4 million pornography websites online, pornography is now both prevalent and easily accessible by children. While filtering programs and parental controls are getting better, many children are still at risk of viewing such images. Even worse is when children themselves are used and depicted as objects of sexual pleasure.



Online gaming & addiction

There is growing evidence that many children are developing an unhealthy addiction to spending time online, from Internet gaming to any online activity. The dangers of such an addiction are an increased risk of health and social problems.



Violence

It is shocking and disturbing to know the sheer range and volume of online violence that our children are exposed to, such as images of war, domestic abuse, bigotry, misogyny and other vicious attacks on others.



Online fraud & deception

Children are usually targeted by fraudsters, as young people often don't have the experience and knowledge to distinguish legitimate requests from fraudulent ones. Fraudsters can then use the knowledge gained from children online to steal, blackmail, terrorize and even kidnap.

The Internet gives us the freedom to express ourselves through online publications and blogs. Let us use this freedom wisely.

- Practise our "Rukunegara" both offline and online, such as upholding the sanctity of the law and being courteous to others.
- Blog responsibly. Be mindful of our language and do not use words that offend, humiliate, embarrass or threaten other people.

- Be careful with any information we put or receive on the Internet. Act responsibly. Always check the facts before relaying or publishing anything online, so as not to misinform others.
- Do not twist the facts for any reason whatsoever.

As role models for our children, we should also teach them to be courteous and respect others by practising our Malaysian way of life - "Budi Bahasa Budaya Kita". Let's work together and make the Internet a wonderful experience for all Malaysians.

Some useful contacts for:

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