

DO'S and DON'TS

TO PREVENT CYBER CRIMES

TIPS FOR SAFE TRAVEL ON CYBER WORLD TIPS FOR INTERNET PURCHASES

For YOU and YOUR CHILDREN

- Never Trust e-mails which offers prize money through lotteries of which you are not a participant. Similarly don't pay for the jobs which you are not in correspondence through official channels.
- Don't give your credit card number(s) and CVV numbers online unless the site is a secured and reputable site.
- Sometimes a tiny icon of a padlock appears to symbolize a higher level of security to transmit data. This icon is not a guarantee of a secure site, but might provide you some assurance.
- Don't trust a site just because it claims to be secure and it may be 'Phishing' site. 'Phishing' sites are those that impersonate some other site like your bank's site. These emails pretend to be coming from your bank and tell you that you have to logon to your online account to validate your account. It also provides a link in the mail to logon to your bank's site. Or, they may say that you have to reply to the mail with your User ID and Password to the bank. Beware of these mails. Delete them immediately. None of the banks would ask you to provide your security information like User ID and password in emails.
- Try to obtain the physical address rather than merely a post office box and a phone number in case of e-commerce, call the seller to see if the number is correct and working.
- Protect your Wi-Fi Connection with secure password, WEP encryption, etc.
- On almost every site on the Web, there are advertisements. Sites sell "space" on their site to make money. Sometimes funny and usually flashy ads try to get you to do everything from applying for a credit card (which kids are way too young to do anyway) to buying the latest, greatest toy. Don't get trapped into it.
- You should always be careful when you click on an Ad. Sometimes they will try to divert you to a totally different or irrelevant site that is inappropriate for you.
- If you have to use a password to access a service, make sure this isn't easily identifiable and DON'T disclose it to anyone, not even to your BEST friend.

- If you make an on-line purchase, print out a copy of the transaction for your records. This will make it easier to check against your credit card statement.
- Before using the site, check out the security/encryption software it uses.
- Make sure you are purchasing merchandise or service from a reputable source.
- Do your homework on the individual or company to ensure that they are legitimate.
- Send them e-mail to see if they have an active e-mail address and be wary of sellers who use free e-mail services (like yahoo or gmail) where a credit card wasn't required to open the account.
- Do not leave your credit card around that tempts children to use them.