

STAY SAFE ONLINE

Check out these
SMART ways
to be safe online

SAFE

- Do you want your family, friends, your future employer, or the world to see what you are posting. Are you showing a bad side of yourself? Think – who might be able to read this?
- Set the privacy settings on any social media accounts you have – are you revealing too much private information about yourself?
- Make sure you sign out of your account when you have finished.
- Don't share your passwords with another person.
- Could someone misinterpret what you are saying or could someone feel disrespected by what you post online?

MEETING

- Do you really know who you are chatting to online?
- Meeting someone you have only met online can be dangerous – take steps to ensure any meetings will be safe ones.

ACCEPTING

- Never open or forward a suspicious looking email or respond to a social media message from someone you don't know – they could contain viruses, or be nasty messages.
- It's nice to have online friends, but don't let your ego make bad choices – don't accept friend requests if you don't know the person.

RELIABLE

- Information on the internet may not be true, and people online may be lying about who they are. Check out the information before you believe it.
- If something is too good to be true online, it probably is not trustworthy.

TELL

- Tell somebody if someone or something online makes you uncomfortable or worried. If you are the victim of harassment, bullying or fraud – report it to someone you trust or to the Police or check out www.netsafe.org.nz 0508 638 723.

