

Sample Family Pledge for Internet Usage

As a family we make the following promises about our time spent on the Internet:

Me: _____

(Child's name here)

____ I agree that I can only use the Internet between _____ and _____ (*times of the day*) and for up to _____ hours each day.

____ I agree that an adult needs to be around while I'm online.

____ I wouldn't even think of giving out personal information about myself or anyone in my family (including names, pictures, addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, name or location of my school) to anyone I meet online - no matter how nice they seem - without my parents' permission.

____ I will not respond to anything online that makes me feel uncomfortable or scared. Instead, I will immediately share the message or web site with my parents or teacher.

____ I will keep one secret: my password. I won't even share that with my best friend.

____ I will not meet in person anyone I've only met online without my parents agreeing and accompanying me.

____ I promise to treat the people I meet online as I myself like to be treated.

____ I will share with my parents the cool stuff I find online. (After all, they want to enjoy the Internet, too!)

____ I will keep these promises whether I'm at home, school, the library, or at a friend's house.

Okay. Now, Parent(s): _____

____ I will explore the Web with my child and communicate clearly my expectations regarding where and how he/she can use the Internet.

____ I will make valiant efforts to keep with up with my child's Internet expertise, and I will allow my child to teach me new online tricks!

____ If my child does find something online that makes him or her uncomfortable, I will immediately follow up with the source of the message or with my Internet service provider. I will understand that my child is not to blame for SPAM.

____ I agree to help my child find cool kid stuff online, whether it's for homework or for plain old fun!

Signed on this Date: _____

Child: _____

Parent:

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