

# Talking Safely Online

**\* DID YOU KNOW ...**

Many websites that allow you to chat with other people have a “block” feature, which allows you to stop receiving messages from a particular person. You can even block certain phone numbers from texting you. Don't be afraid to ask a parent for help figuring out how to block a person who makes you feel unsafe.

## Unjumble to find the hidden words

1. uaoltrfncmobe \_\_\_\_\_

2. eh pazitme \_\_\_\_\_

3. spetteroye \_\_\_\_\_

4. messgae \_\_\_\_\_

5. clbryulibyneg \_\_\_\_\_

6. mitnoor \_\_\_\_\_

**\* WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

What kind of information should you not share with online-only friends?

**\* DO YOU REMEMBER ...**

What the differences are between Internet friends and in-person friends?

## 1. Family Activity

Come up with a clever way to remember examples of private information in the future. Pick the tune of a song, such as “Happy Birthday,” “Mary Had a Little Lamb,” or even the theme song from your favorite TV show. Write a song to that tune that helps you remember private information: your full name, street address, school name, school address, email address, phone number, computer password, mother’s maiden name, or parent’s place of work.

## 2. Tech It Up!

Use an audio recorder on a family member’s phone (with their permission) or the GarageBand app to record your song!

## 3. Common Sense Says ...

If things get creepy or uncomfortable when you’re chatting online, take action.

- ~ Log out of the website or messaging service.
- ~ Tell a parent or trusted adult.
- ~ Ignore the person or block that person from chatting with you.

