

Internet Terms

Anti-virus	Software that protects a computer from malicious code.
Attachment	A data file sent from one computer to another along with an e-mail or an instant message.
Buddy List	Instant message addresses of favorite users. List enabled designated users to know when their “buddy” is online so that both can easily communicate.
Bulletin Boards	Message boards, public areas on the Internet where messages or comments can be posted for other board members to read and reply to.
Chat Room	A virtual room, or gathering place, for Internet users with shared interests to congregate and converse.
Code	Written instructions in a computing language.
CAT	Community Action Team—community leaders working raise Internet safety awareness.
THM	Town Hall Meeting—Meeting where Internet safety information is provided to the public by community leaders. The event goal is to create or support a CAT.
Copyright	The exclusive legal rights to reproduce, publish, and sell things produced by the person who owns the copyright.
Grooming	Process that online predators use to build false trust in order to meet them face to face.
Cyberspace	Virtual Internet community in which real people interact through electronic means.
Download	To copy information (data) from the Internet.
File	The specific location of data within a computer record.
File Extensions	The three or more letters at the end of a file name (eg: .exe, .jpg, and .doc) defining the file “type,” such as a text file, executable file, database file, or graphic file.
Flame	To send a mean or hurtful electronic message.
FW	Forward—informs the recipient a redirected message has been sent to them. The sender is not the author and, therefore, is suspicious.
Firewall	Set of related hardware and software programs designed specifically to protect a computer or computer network from unauthorized external use.
Hacker	A person who uses the Internet to break into a computer or computer network.
Hacking	Gaining illegal or unauthorized access to a computer file or network.
Identifying Information	Personal information that can be used by online predators to distinguish you from another person and possibly find you in real life (e.g.: name, gender, age, etc.).
Identity Theft	When someone uses your personal info (e.g.: Social Security #, credit card #) to steal your identity for illegal purposes. The fastest-growing crime in the U.S.
i-Parent Board	A group dedicated to raising Internet safety awareness among parents by leading the events and activities outlined in the <i>i-Parent Campaign Toolkit</i> .
i-Parent Campaign	The events and activities of the i-Parent Boards around the country raising Internet safety awareness among parents.
i-Parent Program	A one-hour informational meeting about Internet safety featuring an i-Parent Campaign PowerPoint® presentation designed to help families become safe online.