

Internet and Digital Technology:

"Teaching children about cyber-safety, cyber-ethics, and cyber-security"



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Parents...

Today's connected technology includes laptops with wireless connections; cell phones with text messaging; video games with chat capability; photo and music sharing; Wi-Fi hotspots; MP3 players and music/movie downloads; and so much more.

Children are living in a world where social networking, text messaging, gaming and downloading music are part of their everyday activities. It is fun, exciting, and "normal" for them. They are also living in a world where this technology brings cyber-bullying, access to inappropriate photos and information, obsession about their online lives and confusion over what is ethical, safe, and secure behavior.

Even those parents and educators who believe that they are "tech-savvy" can be left feeling ill-equipped to deal with the issues that surround children's connected activities. Join us as Iris Beckwith addresses many of these concerns and areas of importance, empowering you to understand and guide your children as they explore the online world.

- **Cybersafety, Cyberbullying, ethics, & security**
- **Social networking—risks & benefits**
- **Online predators**
- **What to teach young children & teens**
- **Safe & legal downloading; music, movies & games**
- **Internet addiction**
- **What the research tells us**
- **Technology safety for adults**
- **Good news about available resources**
- **Control: what works & where to find them**