

GARDEN CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

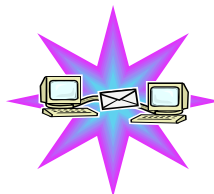
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Guidelines for Parents and the Internet



With computers playing such a role in today's kids, here are some helpful tips to help you to help protect them while they surf the internet...

- Become more computer literate; get to know the services your children uses. Find out what types of information it offers and whether there are built-in ways to block out objectionable material.
- Consider using a pseudonym or unlisting your child's name if your service allows it. Pedophiles often use profiles as a means to find victims.
- Never allow a child to arrange a face-to-face meeting with another computer user without permission. If a meeting is arranged, make the first meeting in a public place and accompany your child to the meeting.
- Do not allow your child to respond to messages or bulletin boards items that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, or threatening. Forward a copy of such messages to your internet service provider.
- If you are not internet savvy, ask your child to show you around the web. You'll get an idea of what they see on line. Review your bookmarks. If you notice any suspicious web sites, report them to the FDA at <http://www.DSA.GOV/OC/Buyonne/buyonlineform.htm> and then delete the sites from your computer.



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COMMUNITY SERVICES

**CITY DEPARTMENT
PHONE NUMBERS**

EMERGENCY- 911

POLICE 793-1700

DETECTIVE BUREAU 793-1710

CITY HALL 793-1600

21ST DIST. COURT 793-1680

BUILDING DEPT. 793-1650

CITY CLERK 793-1620

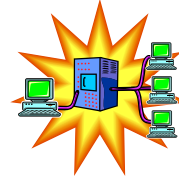
LIBRARY 793-1830

MAPLEWOOD CTR. 793-1850

PARKS & REC. 793-1880

WATCHING THE INTERNET

- *Call the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at 1-800-843-5678 if you are aware of the transmission, use or viewing of child pornography online.*
- *Never give out any personal information such as your address, telephone number, work number, or your child's school name.*
- *Keep the computer in your family room where you can watch and monitor your child's activities.*
- *Share an E-Mail account with your child so that you can oversee his or her mail.*
- *Spend as much time as possible online together to show your children proper behavior and rules.*
- *Create an internet use agreement with your child, and set consequences if the agreement is violated.*
- *Do not allow your child to go into chat rooms without you being present.*
- *Monitor your credit card bill. Many pornographic Internet sites require credit card payments in order to gain access.*
- *Consider using an online service that has special child accounts with restricted access to chat rooms and the internet.*
- *Use a filtering system that blocks inappropriate material. Be aware—kids can still find questionable materials, such as books and articles that promote and are positive on the effects of drugs and alcohol.*



NEVER TOO EARLY...

We hear from young people that it's never too early to start talking with them about alcohol, tobacco and illicit drugs, and that parents are too

trusting. The job of all parents and caregivers requires understanding, patience, and lots of love, practice and practice and practice...

Don't forget our meetings. **March, May, October and December.** The next meeting will be March 4, 2008, 7pm at the Maplewood Center. See you there. Det./Sgt. Brian Aure'.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH BLOCK / CITY CRIME STATS

December Crime Statistics—Cases Reported

Arson 0
 Breaking & Entering 11
 Larceny 31
 Stolen Vehicles 10
 Assaults 21
 Murder 0

Robbery 3
 Fraud 4
 Runaway 5
 Drugs 7
 Property Damage 15

The numbers listed represent statistics for the entire city during the month listed