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OUR GUIDE TO:

KIDS & CYBERSECURITY

HOW TO TALK TO ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY

PRIVACY IS
SECURITY

Privacy is an important topic for everyone, but especially for kids. With their growing use of technology and online services, **children are increasingly vulnerable** to potential privacy threats online. In this guide, we'll discuss the importance of privacy for kids, how to protect them from those threats, and why it's essential to start educating early.

It's important to protect them from potential data breaches because the information that these breaches can provide can be used to manipulate or **even blackmail them later in life**. Data breach protection is critical for your child's safety and future security, so parents should use the resources available to them to ensure that their kid's identity is secure.

Identity theft is also a growing concern, especially for kids. The ease with which personal data can be accessed and stolen online means that anyone's identity could be compromised. Even if the person is not aware of it initially, this information can be used in malicious ways to commit identity fraud, resulting in financial losses and other damages. Parents should monitor their children's online activity and keep their personal data secure to **protect them from becoming victims of identity theft**.

Protect their data
TODAY

SECURING YOUR WIFI NETWORK

IS SECURING YOUR HOME.

Protecting your home wifi network is one of the best ways to protect your kids while they are online.

Setting up a secure network will help **limit their access to inappropriate content**, and can put additional controls in place if needed.

Taking the necessary measures to secure your home wifi network, provides additional **protection for your children** while they navigate the internet.

Here are a few of our own tips:

Make sure your wifi password is strong and difficult to guess. Use a combination of upper and lower-case letters, numbers, and special characters for added security.

Change the default name of your wifi network. and make it as unique as possible - this will also avoid unwanted guests from connecting. a

Use parental controls. Keep an eye on what your children are browsing online and monitor any suspicious activity. This includes funneling age-appropriate content and filtering out any websites that are inappropriate for young ones.

Consult the experts. Working with a team of cybersecurity professionals to protect your most important assets secures not only your peace of mind, but also your loved ones and assets.

PREVENTION NOW

FOR A LIFETIME OF PRIVACY.

Encourage an open dialog about how your kids use the internet. **Make sure they know what your expectactions are**. As they grow, **instill the value of privacy** to avoid divulging an excessive amount of personal information online. Those values will keep them safe today, tomorrow and **for years to come.**

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SO...
WHAT ARE THEY REALLY DOING ONLINE?
ASK.

8 QUESTIONS YOU SHOULD ASK YOUR KIDS:

1. DO YOU KNOW WHAT A STRONG PASSWORD LOOKS LIKE?

2. DO YOU KNOW HOW TO IDENTIFY SUSPICIOUS EMAILS AND LINKS?

3. WHAT GAMES DO YOU PLAY ONLINE? ARE YOU ACTIVE ON SOCIAL MEDIA? WHICH CHANNELS?

4. WHO WOULD YOU TALK TO FIRST ABOUT CYBERBULLYING?

5. HOW DO YOU KNOW IF IT'S OK TO DOWNLOAD SOMETHING?

6. WHAT IS THE FIRST THING YOU SHOULD DO WHEN YOU FEEL SCARED ONLINE?

7. WHAT DO YOU SAY TO A STRANGER WHO ASKS YOU FOR OUR ADDRESS OR MONEY ONLINE?

8. HAVE YOU EVER GIVEN OUT YOUR ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR OTHER IDENTIFYING INFORMATION TO SOMEONE ONLINE WITHOUT MY PERMISSION?

Teaching your children about cybersecurity is an important part of helping them **stay safe in the real world.**

Unfortunately, kids can face a variety of cyber threats, from malicious software and data breaches to cyberbullying and phishing scams. It's vital for parents to discuss these threats with their kids to help them recognize and avoid them.

Here are a few tips on how to talk to children about cybersecurity:

Start the conversation early by introducing basic security principles in simple language that they can understand. Explain why it's important to practice good online safety habits, such as using strong passwords and not sharing sensitive information online.

Discuss appropriate internet use with your kids - this includes teaching them not to open suspicious emails, click on untrusted links or download suspect files or software.

Lead by example - show your kids how you protect yourself when browsing the web so that they can follow in your footsteps. By taking the time to educate your children about cybersecurity, you can provide them with the skills and knowledge needed to stay safe in the digital world.

EXPERTS TRUST
ENDPOINT DETECTION

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HOW CAN YOU TAKE AN OFFENSIVE APPROACH TO CYBERSECURITY?

ASK US.

Remember **Kirkham IronTech offers a free risk assessment for individuals and small businesses.** It's never too early to get off on the right start when it comes to cybersecurity.

Contact us today to book a **free 30-minute assessment**. Stay vigilant.

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