

## Being Safe Is Being Smart

## Students

The Internet is a powerful tool that should be used wisely.

## Parents

Parents must understand potential Internet dangers and prepare their children, just as they prepare them for going to the playground or crossing the street.

## Educators

Educators must remind students that people are not always who they claim to be and that Internet information is not always accurate or appropriate.

Knowledge + Application = Internet Safety
www.tea.state.tx.us/imet/intersafe

In accordance with HB 3171, Section 38.023, the TEA has developed a website housing a list of online resources for educators, students and parents concerning Internet Safety & Digital Citizenship, including significance of copyright laws, lists of organizations, keeping personal information safe, cyber-plagiarism, and illegal downloads of multimedia.

The site is designed with all three audiences in mind, so anyone can find information specific to his or her needs. In order for students to be safe online, parents, teachers and students should be educated about safe Internet use and fully aware of specific dangers children may encounter in the virtual world. While the Internet can be an invaluable interactive and engaging learning tool, education and common sense are key.

