



Maricopa County  
**Attorney's Office**  
Keeping Families Safe

# Internet Safety

The internet provides opportunities to learn more about the world around us. However, we must be smart about how we use the internet and help our children understand how to safely use the internet.

Sincerely,

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**For more safety tips and information about Internet Safety visit:**

**[MaricopaCountyAttorney.org/InternetSafety](http://MaricopaCountyAttorney.org/InternetSafety)**



# WARNING SIGNS

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Drastic increase or decrease in online use.

Completely deleting or creating new social media accounts.

Significant changes in school, sports, friends and social activities.

# SAFETY TIPS

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Develop a family usage plan to promote healthy online use. Make sure to include duration, content and location limits.

Avoid apps that are location-based, promote anonymity, allow random connections to strangers and lack age monitoring, privacy settings or a report function.

Take advantage of parental control apps and privacy settings. Set expectations with your child early on about what they can do online and what you will monitor.

Emphasize the risks of sharing their name, address, phone number and inappropriate photos online.

Help them practice reporting, blocking and asking for help if they encounter something that makes them feel scared, sad or nervous.

Contact your local law enforcement and the CyberTipLine if your child receives inappropriate emails, texts, and instant messages.

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