



# READY, SET, INTERNET

## FAMILY CONTRACT

### The parents in our family will always:

- Keep the computer in a common area of the house such as the family room or kitchen.
- Use filters and other parental control software to protect our children.
- Monitor the amount of time our children spend on the Internet.
- Monitor conversations our children have on the Internet and get to know their friends.
- Take the time to train and encourage our children to use the Internet wisely.
- Maintain access to our children’s profiles on social networking sites by requiring them to “friend” us.
- Share an email account with our children until they are old enough to be trusted with their own.
- Know our children’s e-mail addresses and passwords.

### The kids in our family will never:

- Share personal information such as their name, address, phone number, school, teams, age, etc. with anyone online.
- Engage in any form of cyber-bullying; we will treat others online as we would like to be treated.
- Send, forward, or respond to mean or threatening messages.
- Meet anyone in person that we met online without our parents’ permission.
- Buy anything online without our parents’ permission.
- Download games, movies, music, or programs without our parents’ permission.
- Give our passwords to anyone but our parents.
- Join social networks such as MySpace and Facebook without our parents’ permission.
- Post or send pictures or videos online without our parents’ permission.
- Enter chat rooms without our parents’ permission.

### The kids in our family will always:

- Tell our parents if anyone says or does anything online that makes us uncomfortable or upsets us.
- Give our parents permission to see what we do on the Internet and give them the passwords to all our accounts.
- Keep our parents as “friends” on all social network sites of which we are members.
- Tell our parents if we see anything on a website that makes us uncomfortable or is inappropriate.

### Children:

I understand that access to the Internet is a privilege that I must earn by being responsible and trustworthy. I will follow this contract whether I am at home or on a computer somewhere else.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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### Parents:

I understand that it is my responsibility to protect my children from danger on the Internet and to train them to use the Internet wisely.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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