

# Private Information

At age-appropriate levels, CyberSmart!® lessons teach children to safely manage their online experiences.

What's the name of your school?

Can I have your E-mail address?

What's your name?

Will you give me your phone number so I can call you?

Will you send me a picture of yourself?

Where do you live?

You might think it's OK to answer all these questions if your dad just introduced you to your great aunt Bertha at a family reunion!

## That's Private!

But what if you are asked for the same information in cyberspace? The safe answer is "no." Not even if your favorite cartoon character asks you to enter a contest. Not even if you need to ask an expert a homework question.

## So what do you do?

### Take the Rule into Cyberspace

Parental Supervision Suggested: Read Privacy Policy

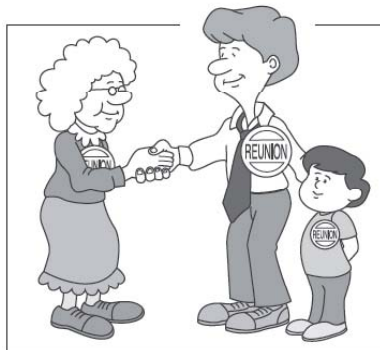
- Go to [www.becybersmart.org](http://www.becybersmart.org) and click on the triangle.
- Find the title of this lesson and choose one of its links.
- Look where the Web page asks for private information.

Then answer the questions.

1. What is this Web page about?
2. What private information is asked for?
3. What should you do before giving the private information?

## A Few Words About Passwords

- You might have a password to use a school computer or use E-mail. Passwords protect you.
- Without a password, no one can pretend to be you.
- So don't share your passwords with other kids—only with your parents. And never give your password in cyberspace. Even if someone says "Please!"



## Use The Rule

Always ask permission to give out private information in cyberspace. Even though there are grown-ups around when you go into cyberspace, **you are at the controls.** You'll find pages on cool sites that ask for private information. It's an important responsibility to stop and get your parent or teacher.

## Can you handle it?

### What's Private?

- full (first and last) name
  - street address
  - name of school
  - school address
  - E-mail address
  - phone numbers
  - passwords
- calling card number
- mother's maiden name
- parent's place of work
- photos in which you can be recognized



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