

Safe Surf: Responsible Digital Citizenship



The Child Abuse Prevention Program Safe Surf presentations are offered to schools, daycare facilities, camps, community organizations and others to teach technology safety. Its lessons are available to children, parents, educators and other professionals free of charge.

Students, ages eight to eleven, are taught in a safe and non-threatening manner designed to entertain and inform. Programs are presented using a developmentally appropriate approach. Participants receive activity books to take home. This interactive multi-media presentation lasts approximately 45 minutes and offers the opportunity to learn technology safety skills, which aid in safe guarding children from potentially dangerous situations. This presentation has the following objectives:

▶ Safe Surf Program (45 minutes) - Third – Fifth Grade

- To become good cyber citizens and help ensure a bright future
- To recognize cyberbullying and help put a stop to it
- To identify tricks and secrets that predators may use
- To understand the ramifications of inappropriate online behavior
- To utilize social networking in an age-appropriate and respectful manner

To accompany these lessons, CAPP also offers a Safe Surf Parent Program, which affords parents and guardians the opportunity to learn more about the ever-changing field of technology. The objectives of that program are:

▶ Safe Surf Parent Program (30-60 minutes)

- To learn how students use technology
- To understand the permanency of uploading digital content
- To realize the ramifications of inappropriate online behavior
- To learn the tricks Internet predators use to coerce young people
- To gain tools to teach their students to become outstanding digital citizens

The Child Abuse Prevention Program to date has served over 500,000 children, parents, educators, and other professionals. With the support of the Children's Service Fund, the Child Abuse Prevention Program will continue to serve children ages three to nineteen, their parents, educators, and professionals throughout Saint Louis County.

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