

THE WCR LEARNING COMMUNITY

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Be safe on the Internet.
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Safety on the Internet 📱

How do you stay safe on the Internet? How do you keep your children safe on the Internet?

Telus started a program for parents, kids and teachers to help keep us safe on the Internet.

The program is free in Canada.

The program is called Telus Wise.

The program has

- an on-line site
- twitter conversations
- seminars
- videos
- one-on-one training

Staying safe on the Internet is a big challenge. People of all ages are vulnerable. Teens and tweens are particularly at risk.

Vancouver police Chief Jim Chu says there is more cyberbullying all the time. Cyberbullying led to the suicide of two teenagers in the past year.

Chu says, "It's important for parents to be aware of what their children are doing." Children and youth are using their computers and smartphones 24 hours a day. They have contact with the online world even when you think they are safe at home.

Telus worked with bullying.org and MediaSmarts to create this program. MediaSmarts is a Canadian non-profit organization that teaches digital and media literacy.

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Go to *The Westcoast Reader* website for links to more information and videos.

Website: www.thewestcoastreader.com

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Group discussion exercise

Safety on the Internet

Clive Owen stars in a movie on the subject of Internet safety called, *Trust*. You can borrow it from your local library. A teenage girl is lured into an on-line relationship with a man. She and her family must deal with the consequences.

- Watch the movie with your class, children, parents, or friends. Discuss the issues raised from the point of view of the various players.
- the teenager, Annie
- Annie's best friend, Brittany
- Annie's parents
- the professionals – police and counsellor

Some possible questions to talk about:

1. How did this situation develop?
2. How did each of them react?
3. What effect did their reactions have on the others?
4. What are you doing to keep yourself and others safe on the Internet?
5. Have you experienced unsafe interactions on the Internet?
6. If so, what did you do about it?

