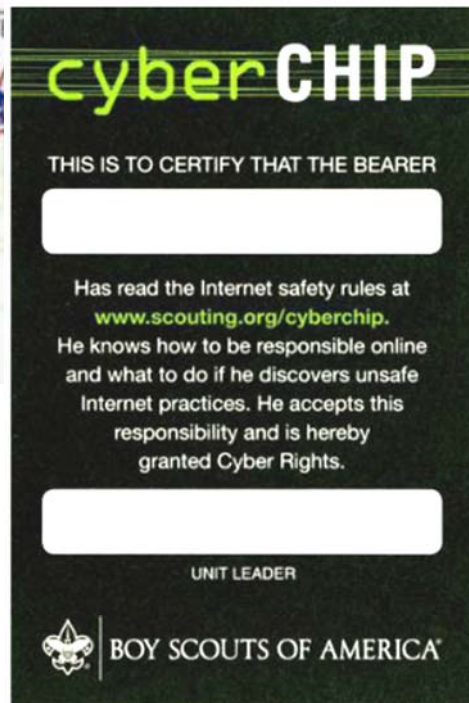


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CYBER CHIP REQUIREMENTS GRADES 6-8

Complete these steps to earn your Cyber Chip!

- #1** **Read, commit to, and sign** the Internet Safety Pledge on your Level II Cyber Chip (green card). You can purchase your Cyber Chip card from your local Scout Shop or online at www.scoutstuff.org.



[Level II Cyber Chip](#)

- #2** **Write and sign** a personalized contract with your parent or guardian that outlines rules for using the computer and mobile devices, including what you can download, what you can post, and consequences for inappropriate use.

- #3** **Watch** the video "Friend or Fake?" and 2 more videos of your choosing to see how friends can help each other stay safer online.



[Friend or Fake?](#)

- #4** **Teach** your Troop or another Patrol about Internet safety rules and appropriate online behavior using Mini Activities of your choosing. You will play the part of the teacher. Your Patrol members will be your students. Be sure to refer to the EDGE method for teaching techniques. Each member of the Patrol must have a role and present part of the lesson. You are encouraged to use any additional material and information you have researched.



[Mini Activities](#)

- #5** **Talk** to your unit leader about the acceptable standards and practices for using allowed electronic devices, such as phones and games, at your meetings and other Scouting events.



Be sure to have your Leader sign your Cyber Chip card to make it official.
CONGRATULATIONS!

BSA Cyber Chip Video Guidelines (available on www.netsmartz.org/scouting)

Video 1: Friend or Fake?

Use the lines below to write an e-mail to a classmate about how to spot an online fake.
Make sure to include the following information in your e-mail:

How an online fake might try to convince you that they are a friend.

Example:
An online fake might offer to send you gifts.

What types of things an online fake might say to you.

Example:
An online fake might ask you to share personal information, like your cell phone number.

Why meeting someone you met online in person is a bad idea.

Example:
You don't know if you can trust someone that you meet online.

STUFF TO KNOW

- **Remember** that not everyone you meet online is trustworthy.
- No one that you **meet online** should ask you to keep secrets from your trusted adults.
- Ask a trusted adult before sharing **personal information** with an online friend.
- **Be suspicious** if an online "friend" tries to turn you against your friends and family.
- **Don't accept gifts** from people that you meet online.
- A **real friend**, whether you've met them in real life or online, won't pressure you into doing anything that makes you uncomfortable.
- **Report** anyone who sends you or asks you to send inappropriate messages and photos.
- **Be a good friend:** talk to a trusted adult if someone you know is planning to meet offline.
- If someone asks you to meet offline, **tell a trusted adult** immediately.
- **Don't respond** to people asking you for personal or inappropriate information.

Video 2: Profile Penalty

Answer the questions below.

1. How do you decide what information and images to post online?
2. What information and images are OK to post? What's not OK to post?
3. Why do people post inappropriate messages and pictures online?
4. Who can see the things you post online?
5. Is there any way to guarantee complete privacy when you post things online?
6. How might things you post online affect your future?

STUFF TO KNOW

- **Stay in control** of your online reputation!
- **Don't post** information, photos, or videos you might regret later.
- Think about your **online image** (*Who will see this? What will they think?*)
- **Use privacy settings** to limit access to your page; don't let anyone - not predators or cyberbullies - gain access to information that's yours.
- Remember that online choices have **offline consequences** and in some cases, legal implications.
- **Consider** how fast information and images get forwarded to people beyond your group of friends via texting, IM, and e-mail - especially sexually explicit ones.

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Video 3: Cyberbullying

STUFF TO KNOW

- **Never respond** to harassing or rude comments.
- **Save** or print the evidence.
- **Talk** to your parents or guardian if you are harassed; get help reporting this to your ISP, school, or local law enforcement.
- **Respect** others online.
- Only share your password with your **parent or guardian**.
- **Change** your passwords often.
- Password **protect** your cell phone.
- Use privacy settings to **block unwanted messages**.
- **Think before posting** or sending photos - they could be used to hurt you.
- **Contact** the site administrator if someone creates a social networking page in your name.

Video 4: Gaming

STUFF TO KNOW

- If you run into a griefer, **don't respond**. Block them, save any evidence, and report them.
- Choose gender-neutral, **appropriate screennames**.
- **Use voice-mask** so other gamers don't know your age or gender.
- Don't share **personal information** through game chat.
- **Don't share** your account details, like passwords, with other gamers, or even your friends.
- **Never agree to meet** a fellow gamer offline if you do not know them in person.
- If something happens that makes you feel scared or uncomfortable, **tell an adult you trust**.
- **Remember**, if an advertisement or another gamer offers something that sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- If you're upset while gaming, **take a break** and cool off before continuing.
- **Respect other gamers** online and don't become a griefer yourself.
- Gaming online involves *real* people. Think about what you say and do!