

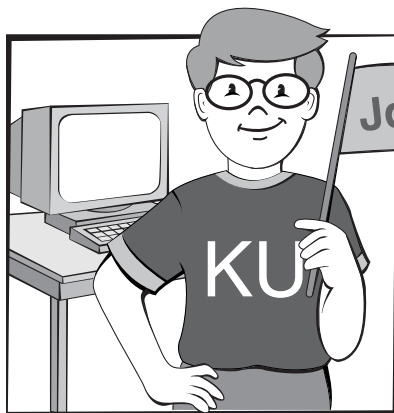
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Protecting Private Identity Information

Passwords

Your passwords help protect your computer and your files from tampering by strangers. Passwords also protect your private identity information, including your screen name or E-mail account. Only your parents should know your password. Never give a password to anyone else—not even your friends.

Don't use passwords that are easy to guess—like your nickname or your pet's name. Combinations of letters, numbers, and symbols are harder to crack than just words. Change your password regularly. And—most importantly—never use any private identify information in your password.



Jesse lives in Lawrence, Kansas—the home of the University of Kansas. He is a big fan of the Kansas Jayhawks men's basketball team. Jesse chose "jayhawks" as his password. Did he make a safe choice? Why or why not?

Be CyberSmart![®]

Know the kinds of private identity information:

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

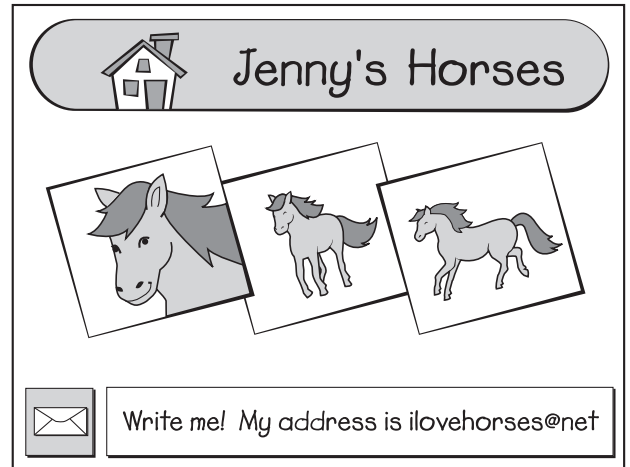
Sondra lives in Miami, Florida. Her birthday is August 4 and she likes to swim in the ocean. Her password is "soswim84." How did Sondra choose her password? Was it a safe choice? Why or why not?

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Personal Web Sites

Personal Web sites provide a great opportunity for people who want to publish their writing, photography, artwork, or display their computer programming skills.

The audience is anyone—and maybe everyone—in cyberspace. Before including private identity information on a Web site, talk it over with your parents or guardian. To be safe, never give your last name—especially if you choose to show a photo of yourself. Instead of a photo, you might show a drawing of yourself. If you want E-mail from people who visit your site, use an address that does not reveal your last name.



Visit and evaluate some personal Web pages.

- Go to www.cybersmartcurriculum.org
- Click on the diamond. Find the title of this lesson and select one of the links to a recommended site.
- Tell what you think about the personal Web page you selected by answering the following questions.

Name of page _____

What private identity information is given about the subject of this site? _____

How could the site be changed to keep this information private? _____

What private identity information is given about other people? _____

How could the site be changed to keep this information private? _____
