Internet Safety for Children
Presented by the Winston Salem Police Department
Crime Prevention Unit
Topics Discussed

- Advantages of the Internet
- MySpace.com
- Chat rooms
- Instant Messages
- Email
- Online Safety Rules
Advantages of the Internet

- Research tool
- Encyclopedia at fingertip
- Expand horizons
- Explore ideas and views
- Way to keep in touch with friends
- Way to meet new friends
MySpace.com

- Anyone can create an account
- No age limit
- No way to verify age given
- Disclose personal information
- Build “buddy” list
- No way for creator of the website to “police” the accounts
Chat Rooms

☐ Do not know who is on other end of computer
☐ Interacting with strangers
☐ Disclose personal information
☐ People may not be who they say they are
Instant Messages

- Private conversation
- Uncomfortable topics
- Perfect time to arrange meeting
E-mail

☐ Do not display on MySpace
☐ Only give out to those you trust
☐ Protect password
☐ Report uncomfortable emails
Online Safety Rules

☐ Do not give out personal information
  ■ Address
  ■ Telephone number
  ■ Parents work information
  ■ School information

☐ Tell parents of information that makes you uncomfortable

☐ Never agree to meet with anyone
Online Safety Rules...cont...

☐ Never send picture
☐ Know appropriate sites to visit
☐ Be aware of sites you might come across that are not appropriate
☐ Do not download or install software without parent’s permission
☐ Use all aspects of the internet safely