

Intro to Online Safety

It is important to teach children to make **Safe and Smart Choices** about personal safety that relates to technology. In this lesson, children learn that **Private Information** is all of the important things that are just about them, such as their name, birthday, address, phone number, school, and passwords. They are taught that they should never share their Private Information when they are Online. The children are reminded to **Check First** with their Grown-up before going Online, and to **Report** anything Online that makes them feel confused or uncomfortable.

The children played a game in which they had to make a **Safe and Smart Choice** about different scenarios that were given to them. Then the children role-played those scenarios to reinforce their learning. They were reminded to use their **Safety Voice** when explaining to their Grown-up that they need help. Here are a few examples of the scenarios:

- You want to go on your Grown-up's phone to look at pictures. What do you need to do first? (Check First) Who do you Check First with? (Your Grown-up)
- The Online game you are playing asks you for your birthday. Is your birthday part of your Private Information? (Yes) What would you do? (Check First) Who would you Check First with? (Your Grown-up)
- You are playing on a laptop at your friend's house. The site wants to know where you live. Is that part of your Private Information? (Yes) What should you do? (Check First) Who would you Check First with? (The Grown-up at your friend's house)

In addition, the children learned the *I'm a KidSafe Kid Online! Song*. This song reinforces all of the Private Information that should not be shared Online.

Continue the KidSafe Conversation at Home

- Talk to your children about their **Private Information**. It is important for children to know their addresses, parent's phone numbers, birthdays, etc., but they should never share that information when they are Online.
- Remind your children that they need to **Report** anything **Online** that makes them feel confused or uncomfortable. They can share their problem with a **Grown-up** in their **Circle of Safe Adults** by using their **Safety Voice**.
- Sing the *I'm a KidSafe Kid Online! Song* with your child. See the attached song sheet.