



NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

National Cyber Security Awareness Month: Our Shared Responsibility What Educators Can Do

Computers and the Internet are now an integral part of both school life and home life for most youngsters. By teaching critical online safety and security skills to your students, they will become more cyber aware, both at school and at home. Consider doing the following during National Cyber Security Awareness Month:

- Educate yourself about cybersecurity at www.staysafeonline.org.
- Encourage good cybersecurity practices every time your students are working online.
- Incorporate cybersecurity lessons into your curriculum and use the USA Today cyber security lesson plans in your teachings (available at <http://usatodayeducate.com/wordpress/index.php/technology-cyber-security/>).
- Engage parents: discuss cybersecurity during open houses, PTA meetings, and parent/teacher conferences. Order FTC's Net Cetera guide for parents (available at www.onguardonline.gov/topics/net-cetera.aspx) or use NCSA's tips for parents handout available at:
- Include cybersecurity tips in newsletters, other communications sent home to parents, and on the school's website.
- If your school has "acceptable use" policies, review them with students, faculty, and parents.
- Post NCSA posters in classrooms, computer labs, cafeterias, and libraries.
- Invite a cybersecurity education expert to lead a school assembly or teach a class with NCSA's Cyber Security Awareness Volunteer Education (C-SAVE) program. Visit www.staysafeonline.org/content/c-save for C-SAVE information and materials.
- Invite a cybersecurity or Internet safety professional to lead a discussion with parents.
- Distribute information about StaySafeOnline.org to all teachers during orientation.
- Require all students to change their password in October to one that is long, complex and not easy to guess.



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- Encourage your library to include books about cybersafety and security for kids.
- Encourage entire grades to participate in the 2010 MS-ISAC Kids Safe Online Poster Contest. Visit <http://www.msisac.org/awareness/poster2010/index.cfm> for contest details.
- Advocate for a district-wide curriculum on cybersecurity, cybersafety, and cyberethics.
- Find staff development opportunities so teachers can build their cybersecurity skills.
- Learn more at www.staysafeonline.org.
- Become a fan of the National Cyber Security Alliance's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/staysafeonline).

