The internet today is a great source of information. It is also known as the super information highway because it is the number one source that people of all ages turn to. The internet is especially a good source of communication between family across the country or even over seas. There are a whole lot of good sides to the internet, but what I come here to talk about is the dangers of the internet and what you can do to ensure the safety of you and your family. As technology improves, more and more people begin to play with computers, exploring the possibilities. As the people become more and more curious to what the limits are with computers, they begin to break those rules and steal information from other computers on the internet. There are many things that a computer hacker can get from your computer, and the same amount of answers to avoid these situations. Some of these hackers can get personal information off of your computer such as phone numbers, full names, credit card numbers, home addresses, personal letters, and much, much more. To avoid this many things can be done. First, you can store all the personal information, not wanted to be accessed by unknown eyes, on a separate floppy disk or other storage object you might have. You can also buy a firewall from your local computer store to allow you to choose who does and does not access your computer. Although, your personal information should be concealed from the internet, it is not the most dangerous thing out there. Young children should be monitored at all times when accessing the internet. AOL is a good internet service to have with young children. AOL offers many parent control options to ensure that your child does not view items on the internet less than appropriate for them. AOL offers four different access privileges for every different age group. The internet is a very interesting place you can learn on it, you can get research for a project, and also you can connect with family and friends. But the internet can also be a very dangerous place because the websites on the internet can lead kids into inappropriate websites, lured into dangerous situations, and also posts online can have lasting effects. Let's start off with the inappropriate websites, well you never know what could be on that website. It could be inappropriate pictures, videos, ads and a lot more. Kids can be easily lured into that type of thing for example, if the child has a laptop in his or her room and has seen something on the television and searches for that subject and it ends up being a subject that was inappropriate and him or her ends up getting caught in the act and the parents miss understand what he or she was up to. Now being lured into a dangerous situation that is also called "stranger danger" he or she has access to the internet and gives out personal information then predators hunt him or her down and him or her ends up being missing because of the information that was given on the accessible laptop or computer. Example, a website that I have heard about can end up getting you into this type of situation so you can never be too sure about those certain type of website. Last but not least whatever you have posted online can have a lasting effects later in your life, example you could have a hard time trying to get a job because of what you have done. Also you could end up not being trusted in life just to do the little things that his or her parents once trusted him or her to do. Such as not being allowed to stay home alone, not being able to use the laptop or the computer for simple little things because his or her parents don't trust him or her to go on the computer or laptop anymore. I hope that you realize that the internet can be very helpful place but also a very dangerous place. Remember that if you ever end up getting into one of these things think of the effects that can happen which are inappropriate websites, dangerous situations, and also posts have lasting

effects. Please keep the message internet safety in your mind when you're on the computer or the laptop! Internet safety for children has become a rising concern to parents all around the world. Every day we hear and watch some sort of disturbing news regarding children who fall victims to dangerous predators, who have found a new and easy way of preying on their victims by the use of the Internet from the convenience of their homes in the last decade or so. Similar to other technological innovations, World Wide Web has many great advantageous. It opens a world of possibilities for children exposing them to an enormous ocean of knowledge and information. Despite the benefits of the Internet such as staying connected with loved ones through social networking sites, learning/gaining knowledge, and doing school work; unfortunately it also can make children more susceptible to on-line threats because it also has become a tool in hands of on-line criminals. In such a beneficial yet unsafe and risky environment, parents must be equipped with useful and adequate means to detect early on signs of their children being at risk and minimize and prevent the chances of on-line exploiters from victimizing their children. With Internet connectivity and availability in almost every home, proper parenting becomes essential for on-line safety of children. Without support and guidance from parents, the chances of children being exposed to the unknown world of Internet dangers increase tremendously. Yet parental tight supervision can backfire and cause tension between parents and children if the parents are not prepared to communicate and educate their children effectively. The problem is intensified because children nowadays are more proficient in computers than their parents and normally do not want to take their parents' advice when it comes to use of technology. Therefore, the major goal is for parents to learn how to interact with their children and help them benefit from the Internet while protecting them from the on-line hazards. As Yu Cheung (2008) suggests in his findings, the better educated parents, more closer and open relationship between parents and children, the adoption of an authoritative parenting style, more active involvement in children's online activities, establishing close friendship with their children, and more discussions of the online experiences are factors which are associated with more satisfactory results in directing and influencing children's behavior on-line and; hence, reducing the risk of becoming victims of on- line crimes. Parents of children age 5-17 who use the Internet regularly and for long periods of times are becoming more and more apprehensive that their children online activities might be hazardous and in some cases can even affect their future severely. Parents are protective and worried by nature; therefore, they try their best to minimize harm and threats by monitoring and managing their children's on-line behaviors, especially social media and chat room activities, but as we know too much control in most cases fails. In order for parents to succeed in their great intentions to protect their children, they need to have a step by step, clear, complete, and easy to follow guide. Parents also must educate themselves on new technologies and trends and do not overlook any suspicious behaviors they notice. The pain and damage of losing a child to bad internet use is tremendous and non-reversible. Even if the child survives, he or she will be traumatized for a long time and maybe forever. The victims may not be able to enjoy a normal happy life ever again. This could be all avoided with following simple instructions on both parents and children sides and practicing caution when interacting on-line. In conclusion, everyone knows parenting is and has always been an incredibly demanding task. Being a parent is one of the most difficult jobs yet so rewarding because parents love

and care about their children unconditionally. The horrible news and disappointing statistic regarding the atrocious incidents that happen to children who fall victim to on-line villains are drastic enough to make any good parent determined to take action to stop such incidents from happening. With the rapid rate of the technology growth in recent years, there are new risks and dangers emerging and facing children even if they are at safety of their homes doing homework on the computer, but the situation is not hopeless. There are ways to put parents' minds on ease. Parents should know they are not alone when it comes to the surge of overwhelming on-line anxiety pressure as there is help available. By being active learners, participants, nurturers, teachers, and skilled communicators; parents should have less to worry when it comes to their children safety and protection on- line.