

# CHESTER COUNTY LIBRARY HENDERSON, TN

## INTERNET SAFETY

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### AVOIDING UNKNOWN CHARGES

HAVE SAFEGUARDS SET UP SO THAT YOUR DEBIT/CREDIT CARD CANNOT BE USED TO PURCHASE ITEMS. MANY APPS OFFER A PASSWORD TO BE SET UP TO APPROVE ALL CHARGES.

### SAFELY SURF THE INTERNET

WHEN INITIATING A SEARCH OF THE INTERNET AND PREPARING TO CLICK ON A WEBSITE, BE AWARE THAT MOST OF THE TIME, THE FIRST 2-3 WEBSITES LISTED ARE ACTUALLY ADS AND MAY NOT BE WHAT YOU REALLY NEED. BESIDE THE WEBSITE NAME, IF IT IS AN AD IT WILL SAY AD IN ITALICS.

### PASSWORD SECURITY

- DO NOT USE "PASSWORD" AS YOUR PASSWORD
- REFRAIN FROM USING EASILY GUESSED PASSWORDS SUCH AS YOUR CHILD'S NAME, SPOUSE'S NAME, PET'S NAME, BIRTHDAY, OR PHONE NUMBER.
- DO NOT USE PASSWORD SUCH AS ABCDE OR 12345. ALSO DO NOT USE CONSECUTIVE NUMBERS OR LETTERS AS A PASSWORD SUCH AS 11111 OR AAAAAA.
- WHEN CREATING A PASSWORD, USE A GOOD MIX OF LETTERS, NUMBERS, SYMBOLS AND TRY NOT TO INCLUDE PERSONAL INFORMATION.

### INTERNET BROWSERS

USE REPUTABLE INTERNET BROWSERS SUCH AS GOOGLE CHROME, FIREFOX, SAFARI, OR INTERNET EXPLORER.

### DON'T FORGET TO LOG OUT

THIS IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IF YOU ARE ON PUBLIC COMPUTERS OR DEVICES. ALWAYS LOG OUT OF EVERY PROFILE THAT YOU ARE LOGGED INTO. ALSO, DO NOT SAVE PASSWORDS ON PUBLIC COMPUTERS

### BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU DOWNLOAD

DO NOT DOWNLOAD ITEMS UNLESS YOU ARE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT THE DOCUMENT IS. SOMETIMES THINGS CAN BE ADVERTISED AS AN APP, GAME, DOCUMENT BUT ACTUALLY BE A COMPUTER VIRUS. MAKE SURE YOU ARE DOWNLOADING FROM REPUTABLE AND TRUSTWORTHY SITES.

### BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU POST

ANYTHING YOU POST ONLINE CAN BE COPIED BY ANYONE. EVEN IF YOU DELETE SOMETHING, ANYONE CAN TAKE A PICTURE OF WHAT YOU POST OR DOWNLOAD PICTURES YOU POST.  
NEVER POST YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, HOME ADDRESS, OR PHONE NUMBER ON THE INTERNET.

#### Resources

- <https://www.protectseniorsonline.com/resources/cybersecurity-best-practices/>
- <https://www.atg.wa.gov/internet-safety-seniors>
- <https://www.aarp.org/home-family/personal-technology/info-2019/privacy-for-seniors.html>
- <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/net-safety.html>
- <https://www.safekids.com/kids-rules-for-online-safety/>