

## DONGLE'S FACTSHEET



### Don't give out your personal information.

Keep your full name, address, mobile number, email address, school name and friends' full names secret. Otherwise people can use this information to contact you.

Your passwords and nicknames should be secret. If you have to give an online screen name or nickname, never use your real name, and try not to use things that are easy to guess like your parents name or a pet's name.



When you send a text or photo message from your mobile, your phone number automatically goes with it. So think carefully, especially before sending photos of yourself or friends from your camera-phone.



### Never meet up with an online friend.

Never arrange to meet an online friend; no matter how well you think you know the other person or however curious you may be.

If you're determined to meet an online friend you should always tell a parent or teacher and make sure they go with you.

The same rule applies to friends you meet over your mobile.



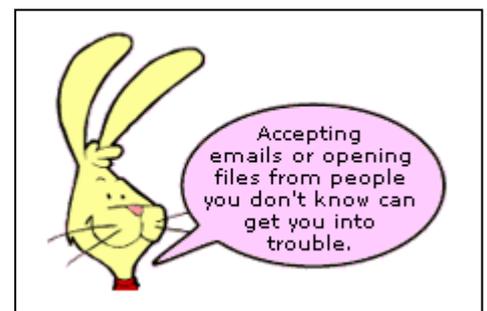
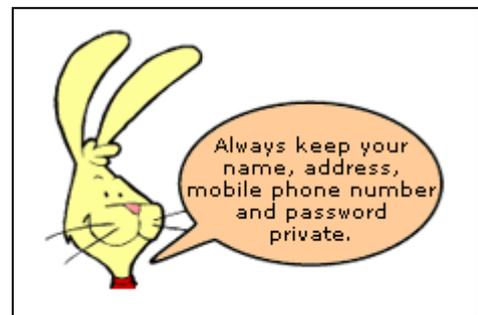
### Don't open junk mail.

If they have your email address some websites will send you lots of junk emails trying to sell you things, or messages that make you feel uncomfortable. This is called spamming.

Delete any emails from people or companies that you don't know. If you open an email that says rude or unpleasant things, you must tell a trusted adult straightaway - and don't reply to it.



Accepting text messages, or opening links / files on your mobile from people you don't know, can get you into trouble. They may contain nasty pictures or messages, cost you a lot of money, or even change the settings on your phone.



## **R** RELIABLE?



**Beware: people might not be who they say they are.**

Chats and message boards are fun, but they can also be dangerous because you don't know who you're talking to. Remember stranger danger - you should use the same rules when you're online.

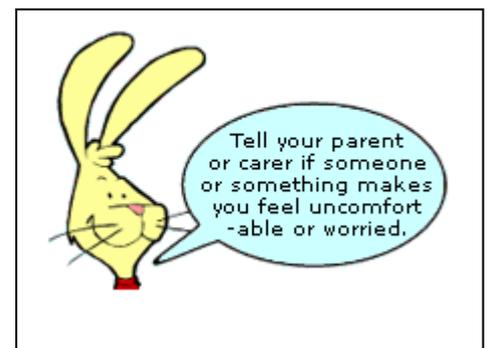
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Someone sending you a message on your mobile may not be who they say they are. Information you get in a message, or find while using services on your mobile, might not be reliable.

## **T** TELL SOMEONE

**Always tell an adult if you feel uncomfortable or worried.**



Some message boards and chat rooms have an 'alert button' or an email address where you can tell the 'host' (who runs the board) that you're upset about something or someone.

Don't forget you can always log-off and leave the website.

The same rule applies if you are upset or worried by anything when using your mobile.



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