



# Protect Your World

by staying connected.

AT&T Internet Safety Connections

**The Internet offers an exciting world of information and entertainment** at the click of a mouse. You can spend hours surfing, shopping, gaming and communicating online, but as with any public activity, it is important to put your security, privacy and safety first. To help you have a safer online experience, AT&T Internet Services, an affiliate of AT&T Inc., offers AT&T Internet Safety Connections. This program helps educate consumers on Internet safety, privacy and security. AT&T Internet Safety Connections includes an in-depth online educational resource center and Internet safety game for kids. Additionally, ongoing enhancements to AT&T High Speed Internet give members industry-leading parental controls, anti-virus software, and innovative security technologies and standards to help create a safe online experience.

## FOLLOWING ARE SOME ONLINE SAFETY, SECURITY AND PRIVACY TIPS FROM AT&T INTERNET SERVICES:

### Security

- › **Install anti-virus software.** Anti-virus programs scan your computer for viruses and alert you before they cause damage. AT&T High Speed Internet offers protection for the entire computer, helping to remove viruses.
- › **Secure your computer with a firewall.** A software or hardware firewall is the first line of defense against computer hackers or intruders. AT&T offers firewall software to help protect your personal information.
- › **Don't open e-mails or attachments from unknown senders.** Be cautious when opening attachments ending with ".vbs," ".exe," ".bat," or ".scr". Use a filtering software to help block unwanted e-mail and to reduce the likelihood of receiving viruses from unknown senders. AT&T High Speed Internet comes with SpamGuard Plus, a filtering system designed to reduce the amount of Spam sent to your inbox, which can help prevent virus attacks.

### Privacy

- › **Don't share your passwords.** Be cautious of giving out personal information, particularly your Social Security number or names of family members, unless you are familiar with the company and its Web site privacy policy.
- › **Use passwords that are hard to guess.** Use combinations of letters, numbers and symbols, and change your account passwords frequently.
- › **Use pop-up ad blocking tools.** Pop-up ad-blocking features let you control the quantity and type of pop-ups you receive or to block them completely.
- › **Encrypt confidential e-mails.** Encryption requires the recipient to use a key to read your information. This will help keep confidential information private.
- › **Don't download unauthorized content or use file-sharing software.** Using pirated music, movies, or software and sharing computer files makes you vulnerable to privacy and security attacks and may violate copyright laws. Always obtain content from an authorized source, and avoid using file-sharing software.

### Safety

- › **Monitor's children's use.** Use parental controls, like those provided by AT&T High Speed Internet, to customize security settings for kids, teens, and mature teens and to monitor Web browsing, e-mail, instant messaging and chat rooms.
- › **Place the computer in a "public" area of the house.** If the computer is in the family room, children might be less tempted to visit sites that are off-limits.
- › **Never give out personal information.** Teach children to never share their name, address, phone number, school name or any information about their family while online.
- › **Don't talk to strangers online.** Chat rooms and forums are often anonymous, and some people may be pretending to be someone they are not. Kids should be just as suspicious of a stranger online as they are of strangers in public places.

Visit [www.att.com/safety](http://www.att.com/safety) for more tips and information about Internet safety.

