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Private Information

What's the name of your school?

What's your name?

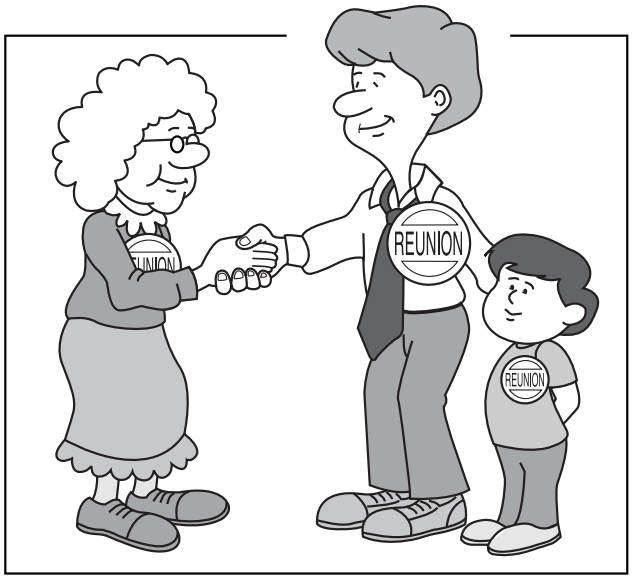
Can I have your E-mail address?

Will you give me your phone number so I can call you?

Will you send me a picture of yourself?

Where do you live?

You might think it's OK to answer all these questions if your dad just introduced you to your great aunt Bertha at a family reunion.



That's Private!

But what if you are asked for the same information in *cyberspace?* The safe answer is "no." Not even if your favorite cartoon character asks you to enter a contest. Not even if you need to ask an expert a homework question. So what do you do?

What's Private?

- full (first and last) name
- street address
- name of school
- school address
- E-mail address
- phone numbers
- passwords
- calling card number
- mother's maiden name
- parent's place of work
- photos in which you can be recognized

Use The Rule

Always ask permission to give out private information in cyberspace. Even though there are grown-ups around when you go into cyberspace, ***you are at the controls.*** You'll find pages on cool sites that ask for private information. It's an important responsibility to stop and get your parent or teacher. Can you handle it?

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Take the Rule into Cyberspace

- ☐ Go to www.becybersmart.org and click on the triangle.
- ☐ Find the title of this lesson and choose one of its links.
- ☐ Look where the Web page asks for private information. Then answer the questions.

1. What is this Web page about?

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2. What private information is asked for?

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3. What should you do before giving the private information?

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A Few Words About Passwords

You might have a password to use a school computer or use E-mail. ***Passwords protect you.*** Without a password, no one can pretend to be you. So don't share your passwords with other kids—only with your parents. And never give your password in cyberspace. Even if someone says "Please!"

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