

Clicking With Caution

Clicking with Caution is a series of educational videos, created by kids for kids, to raise awareness of internet risks and teach preventive measures. The series was made in collaboration with the NYC Dept of Education's Office of Instructional (now Educational) Technology and the Mayor's office in partnership with Reel Works Teen Filmmaking and Microsoft. Students will enjoy these videos even more when they discover they were produced by twenty young ReelWorks filmmakers who drew from their own experiences online and worked with professional directors to create these powerful messages. The series features introductions by "Gossip Girl" star Jessica Szohr and contains two narrative pieces and two documentaries, covering the following topics:

Maintaining Anonymity: 00:00 - 10:00. Teenagers tend to reveal personal information online without realizing it. Watching this video will help children avoid accidentally sharing personal information with strangers that could put them at risk.

Online Sexual Predators: 10:00 - 24:08. Young people must be cautious when using chat rooms or social networking sites. This video shows children how to protect themselves from people they meet on these Web sites who may be dangerous.

Cyber Bullying: 24:09 - 35:15. Students often do not realize that the Internet—through Web sites, blogs, social networking, e-mail, and instant messaging—can escalate bullying behavior. This video shows students the consequences of cyber bullying and how they should handle these situations.

Online Gaming: 35:15 - 42:35. Internet gaming has become a popular hobby for students, but it is important to remind kids that excessive gaming can be harmful.