



Prevent Cyber-Attacks

When in doubt -- Always talk to your parents before you open an email attachment or download software.



- Attachments sometimes contain viruses
- Never open an attachment from someone you don't know
- Malicious code is any software that causes damage to your computer, uses up resources or steal information resulting in **Identify Theft!**

“Don’t” Tips

- ✓ Avoid opening files attachments that you weren't expecting.
- ✓ Don't download software or programs from sites you don't trust
- ✓ Don't share or save passwords in a file, or have your browser remember them
- ✓ Do not give out credit card numbers on sites you don't trust
- ✓ Never provide your social security number or other private information online

“Do” Tips

- ✓ Always use and update the most current software
- ✓ Install, Use and Update anti-virus software that scans your incoming emails for viruses
- ✓ Install a firewall if you have “an always on” connection
- ✓ Use strong passwords that combine letters and numbers
- ✓ Backup important files onto removable disks
- ✓ Check the tools and options menu of your browser to select built in security measures
- ✓ Turn off software features that you don't use such as file and printer sharing
- ✓ Watch out for spam scams or phishing emails