

## Grades 4-5—Lessons 1-2

### Overview

By examining and identifying actual online requests for private information, students learn to apply the same safety rules in cyberspace as they use when encountering strangers in the face-to-face world.

### Objectives

- Identify private information
- Recall that private information should not be given out in cyberspace without permission of a parent or teacher
- Give examples of how Web sites request private information

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5. Digital Citizenship
  - a. advocate and practice safe, legal, and responsible use of information and technology.
  - c. demonstrate personal responsibility for lifelong learning.

### Materials

- Activity Sheets (2)
- Online computer access
- Printer access

### Introduce (offline)

- **Ask:** *Have you ever been asked for information about yourself in cyberspace?*
- Explain that today students will learn a safety rule to use in such situations.

### Teach 1 (offline)

- Distribute the activity sheets.
- After reading the introduction on Activity Sheet 1, have students role-play the scenario described. **Ask:** *What clues tell you that sharing private information might be okay in this situation? (They are with their parents; their parents know everyone there; their parents introduced them.)*

## Teach 2 (offline)

- Discuss each type of private information in the chart, making sure students understand each category. NOTE: CyberSmart recommends that students under 13 not give out any information that will reveal their identity without first getting permission from a teacher, parent, or guardian.
- After students read "Use the Rule" discuss the fact that many students know more about using the computer than their parents. Point out that this fact makes it even more important that they be responsible in cyberspace.
- When students read "A Few Words About Passwords," reiterate that it is a safe idea to tell parents their passwords.

## Teach 3 (online)

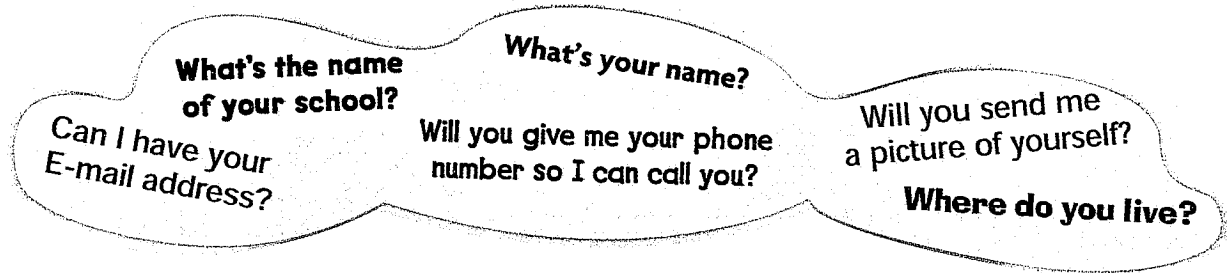
- Have students follow the directions under "Take the Rule into Cyberspace" to go to [www.becybersmart.org/students](http://www.becybersmart.org/students), click on the green triangle, and locate the links for this lesson. You can go to the same page as the students by clicking Student Links in the left navigation of this page. Allow students to explore, answering the questions.
- Have them print examples of the Web pages, highlight or circle the requests for private information, and post them in a display.

## Close (offline)

- Direct students' attention to the display of private information requests found on Web sites.
- **Ask:** *What is the safety rule to remember when you find pages like these?* (Always ask permission of a parent or teacher before giving private information in cyberspace.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

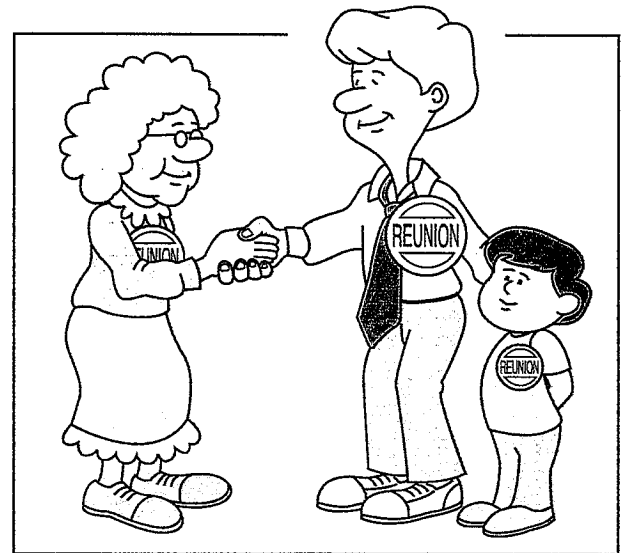
## Private Information



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?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Take the Rule into Cyberspace**

- Go to [www.becybersmart.org/students](http://www.becybersmart.org/students) and click on the green 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!"