

THE DECALOGUE OF THE SAFER INTERNET USER: USEFUL FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS

1. It is recommended that under aged children shouldn't have a social network account. As a parent, try to monitor your childrens' activity on line and keep a record of their passwords.
2. Collaboration between school and parents' associations is essential. The exchange of knowledge and advice between them about possible on line risks creates a safer environment for the children to be on line.
3. All internet users should be sensitised and avoid downloading and distributing copyrighted materials unless they are under creative commons licence.
4. On line safety suggests that all users should re-examine and validate internet information through various sites. 'Terms and conditions' that may appear in various sites need to be accepted with cautiousness so that reliability and validity of information is established.
5. It is recommended that all users should avoid answering messages or emails from unknown persons or institutions. Checking if the email comes from a valid 'https' address or visiting the original website and verifying the true identity of the unknown source is worthwhile.
6. Anti-virus systems are essential as they can diminish the danger of spreading online viruses and the possibility of your system being hacked. Every computer should have one installed!
7. It is suggested that all teachers should incorporate, in their everyday teaching practice, correct and safe internet practices which will be explained to the students and serve as a vivid paradigm for them.
8. It is essential that users should inform each other about the on-line risks they come across and not hesitate to report the problem to the authorities if it is necessary.
9. It is essential for all users to inform authorities of the attempted or successful attacks against personal accounts or websites.
10. It is imperative that all users should have a legal and moral conduct in their online activities.