Do I Play a Role in Staying Safe Online?

Navigating the online world safely means knowing about potential dangers and acting responsibly. Being responsible online means protecting your personal information, being careful when talking to people you do not know, thinking before you share something online, and respecting other people's privacy.

Being responsible online also means thinking about your digital footprint; what you do online leaves a mark that can affect the rest of your life. It is important to be kind and respectful when you are talking to people online and not to bully or harass anyone. Standing up against bad behavior is also part of being responsible online. Understanding that what you do online can have real-life consequences is a big part of being a good community member too.

Activity: Online Safety

Instructions

1. In small groups, review the list of common online safety risks provided in the word bank. If you are unfamiliar with any terms, use digital sources or other references to research and understand the meaning of each risk.
2. Read the scenarios with your group. Discuss which online safety risk it represents. Write the corresponding risk next to each scenario on your chart.

Online Safety Risk Word Bank

- Phishing
- Identity theft
- Cyberbullying
- Inappropriate content
- Privacy concerns

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Online Safety Risk	Scenario	Prevention Strategy
	You receive a message from someone you do not know. They want to see your photos and ask for your phone number. What should you do?	• Only accept friend requests from people you know. • Do not share personal information. • Review your online privacy settings to control who can see your photos and personal information.
	While searching for a school project online, you come across a website with violent images and offensive language. What actions can you take to deal with this?	
	You get an email claiming you have won a prize, but it asks for personal information, like your address and bank details. What should you do?	
	You receive hurtful messages on social media from someone pretending to be your friend. They start spreading rumors about you online. How would you handle this situation?	
	You receive an email from a bank asking you to update your account information by clicking on a link. How would you verify whether it is legitimate or a scam?	

1. For each term in the word bank, brainstorm strategies for promoting responsible online behavior and prevention strategies, such as setting strong passwords, using privacy settings, and reporting inappropriate content or behavior.