

Today your child learned about the Attorney General's Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative (CSI) Program. Michigan CSI teaches students the importance of making safe and smart choices in a technologically evolving world. We encourage you to talk to your child about the important messages they learned in the presentation.

4TH - 5TH GRADE

1. What are the 3 KEEPsSM of Internet Safety?

- *I Keep Safe* my personal information – all of it!
- *I Keep Away* from Internet strangers.
- *I Keep Telling* my parents or a trusted adult about anything that makes me uncomfortable.

2. Why is it important to only communicate online with people we already know offline?

- Sometimes people aren't always who they say they are. You have no way of knowing who you are really chatting with online. There are people who can cause us harm so it is very important that we only communicate with people online who we already know in person.

3. What is personal information?

- Your full name, address, phone number, picture, name of your school, and passwords.

4. What is cyberbullying?

- Cyberbullying is using a cell phone, computer, tablet, gaming device, or other electronic technology to be intentionally mean to others.

5. Why do you think people can be so cruel online?

- People can be more hurtful because they don't see the pain in the other person's eyes when they send a mean or cruel message. Some experts believe that cyberbullying is worse than physical bullying because the bullying follows the target everywhere. Once something is posted online, it can never be recovered and removed. In addition, it can be hard to determine who is doing the cyberbullying because they may remain anonymous. Also the person who is the cyberbully has the ability to quickly reach a broader audience. You may want to consider adding the [ReThink app](#) to your devices.

6. What should you do if you are being bullied online?

- Don't respond or retaliate. Two wrongs don't make a right.
- Block the bully.
- Save the evidence.
- Talk to a trusted adult.
- Report physical threats to the proper authorities.

7. What can you do if you witness bullying?

- Avoid joining in, laughing, or otherwise supporting the efforts of the individual being cruel. If you feel safe, tell the student who is bullying to stop. Tell a trusted adult about what you saw. Support the target by being a friend – maybe walking to class together, sitting with them at lunch and inviting them to social events. With the guidance of an adult, consider contacting OK2SAY.

8. What is OK2SAY?

- OK2SAY is a Michigan student safety program. It is designed to empower Michigan students, parents, school personnel, community mental health service programs, and law enforcement to share and respond to student safety threats. Anyone can confidentially submit tips 24/7 using the OK2SAY app, online at www.ok2say.com, texting 652729 (OK2SAY), or by calling 8-555-OK2SAY. [For more information, visit www.ok2say.com](http://www.ok2say.com).

It is important to continue to have a conversation about online safety and privacy. We encourage you to use the [Online Safety Contract](#) at mi.gov/csi to make decisions together and set ground rules for all of your devices



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