**GOLDEN RULES Online Safety**

**Take time to discover how your children spend their time online and let them show you how they communicate with their friends;**

• Teach them to safeguard their privacy online by:

- Creating safe profiles with enabled privacy settings

- Protecting their passwords

- Only contacting and replying to people they know offline

- Always asking for parental consent before uploading pictures of themselves or of your family, house, their school etc.

- Only share personal information such as their phone number, address, school, sports team etc. with people they know well in real life;

• Place the home computer in a family room so you can monitor their online activities;

• Together, make sure you know:

- How to refuse contacts or block persons from a contact list

- The security and reporting functions that are available on the websites you use

• Build trust by reassuring your children that they can talk to you about their mistakes so you can look for solutions together!

Mistakes are part of learning.

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