

## Overview

Children will watch "Who's Your Friend on the Internet" and learn that people are not always who they say they are on the Internet. Children will individually list things considered to be personal information and then discuss them as a group.

### Program Goal

Enhance the ability of children to understand that people they first "meet" on the Internet should never be considered their friend.

### Internet Safety Message

I will never give out personal information such as my address, my telephone number, my parents' or guardian's work address/ telephone number, or the name and location of my school without my parents' or guardian's permission.

### Activity

*What do you do to become friends with someone?*  
Spend time together, and talk about things you like.

*The Internet is a place where we can meet new people and talk about things we have in common. But on the Internet, you have to be careful with the people you meet. Why do you think you have to be careful? Nettie and Webster are going to help us choose a new person to meet on the Internet today. You'll get to hear each person tell about him- or herself. Then you get to pick who you would want to talk to online.*

Show "Who's Your Friend on the Internet?" with an LCD projector to the entire group at once. Let the children choose a person. Have them explain why they picked that person before clicking on the button. When the activity is complete, discuss why they need to be cautious when they meet people online and the importance of keeping their personal information private.

Direct them to make a list of things that are considered private or personal in their lives. Give examples such as their name, address, telephone number, or the names of family members. Once the children complete their individual lists, share some of the things they wrote with the group. A group list can be generated from the children's individual lists and hung in the room.



### Materials

- computer lab or computer connected to an LCD projector or television monitor
- "Who's Your Friend on the Internet?" from the "NetSmartz Rules!" program
- paper
- pencils

### Time

25 minutes