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<u>Online Safety</u>

       Do you use the internet? Well if you do there are many dangers on the internet like cyberbullying, spam messages, trolls, and many more. I'm not trying to scare you, I'm just telling you the truth. You should always try to prevent these internet dangers. So if you listen to me I can tell you how to be safe online and how to prevent these online dangers.

       First of all, cyberbullying can be a danger to people online. Cyberbullying is basically bullying online. If somebody cyberbullies you don't reply back because that's what the cyberbully wants you to do. Don't write or text anything you wouldn't say in person. Save and print the message then show an adult you trust. By the way cyberbullying can end up as criminal charges. You should report the user that sent you that message.

       Secondly, information privacy is a big deal. Keep your information a secret. Don't share your passwords, not even your best friend. Don't put all of your information out online. Tell an adult if you are going to sign up for a website. Let a parent or guardian approve of the website before you go on it.

       Third, do you have digital etiquette? Well digital etiquette is called netiquette. Netiquette is rules for how to behave online, just like having good manners in real life. You should use netiquette in online games, chatting and messaging. Some people decide to have bad manners online, that's not good. By the way the people who decide to have bad manners online are called trolls. Trolls want to start flamewars. Flamewars are basically big arguments online. Yelling at people or name calling online is called flaming.

Well my online life has even more rules. Yes I still follow online safety rules but I have some rules for myself too. Well I can't text at night. I can't bring any electronics to the dinner table. Finally I can only text and play on electronics for 2 hours and 45 minutes. In conclusion, be safe online.