

PC Safety Check

Online safety begins with you. Be sure you know what's happening on your PC. Although the Internet represents fantastic technological innovation, it can also harbor risk. With careful use and awareness, however, every family can take advantage of the benefits of online education and entertainment while minimizing their vulnerability.

An Agent will:

- Check for anti-virus and anti-spyware software, ensuring that they're up to date and that a firewall is in use
- Check for current Windows patches
- Check for file-sharing programs, which kids often use to download and share music. Unfortunately, this violates copyright law, and you could be liable for any illegal actions. What's just as worrisome is that your information and data could be in a shared location, meaning others can access it through these programs.
- Review a history of websites visited—an important precaution since websites of ill repute are a haven for pernicious and annoying intruders
- Check instant message. Suggestive screen names can attract unwanted attention. Don't use children's last names in eMail addresses or screen names
- Search MySpace and Google for personal Info
- Suggest ways to improve your online safety