

# Family Media Agreement: 6-8

When your child begins to use the Internet, it is important to have a conversation about when and how they use it and what they use it for. This Family Media Agreement is one tool you can use to support this conversation.

## I will . . .

### Stay safe.

- I will not create accounts or give out any private information – such as my full name, date of birth, address, phone number, or photos – without my family’s permission.
  - I will not share my passwords with anyone other than my family. I will ask my family to help me with privacy settings if I want to set up devices, accounts, or profiles.
  - If anyone makes me feel pressured or uncomfortable, or acts inappropriately toward me online, I’ll stop talking to that person and will tell a friend or family member I trust about it.
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### Think first.

- I will not bully, humiliate, or upset anyone online or with my phone – whether through sharing photos, videos, or screenshots, spreading rumors or gossip, or setting up fake profiles – and I will stand up to those who do.
  - I know that whatever I share online or with my cell phone can spread fast and far. I will not post anything online that could harm my reputation.
  - Whenever I use, reference, or share someone else’s creative work online, I will give proper credit to the author or artist.
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### Stay balanced.

- I know that not everything I read, hear, or see online is true. I will consider whether a source or author is credible.
  - I will help my family set media time limits that make sense, and then I will follow them.
  - I will be mindful of how much time I spend in front of screens, and I will continue to enjoy the other activities – and people – in my life.
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## In exchange, my family agrees to . . .

- recognize that media is a big part of my life, even if they don’t always understand why.
- talk with me about what worries them and why, before saying “no.”
- talk to me about my interests and embrace my world, including helping me find media that’s appropriate and fun.

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Signed by me

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Signed by my parent or caregiver