

# BE READY St. Clair County

## *On the Internet*



### GET INVOLVED

Forbid your child from entering private chat rooms and block all inappropriate websites with safety features provided by your Internet service provider or with special filtering software. If your child has an email or Facebook account, know the passwords so you can monitor messages. Always

keep the computer in a common area when being used by your child so you can watch and monitor the usage. Take your child seriously if he or she reports an uncomfortable online exchange.

Call the **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children** at (800) 843-5678 if you're aware of the transmission, use, or viewing of child pornography online. Contact your local law enforcement agency or the FBI if your child has received child pornography via the Internet.

### Warning Signs

- Spending long hours online—especially at night.
- Phone calls from people you don't know.
- Unsolicited gifts arriving in the mail.
- Child suddenly turns off the computer when you walk into the room.
- Withdrawal from family life.
- Reluctance to discuss online activities.

# KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE Online

