Parent's Contract

I know that the Internet is an important resource for my children and that being familiar with it is a necessary skill. It can also be a wonderful place to visit, but I know that I must do my part to help keep my kids safe online.

I will get to know the services and websites my child uses.

I will set reasonable rules and guidelines for computer use by my children, including how much time they may spend online; I will encourage them to participate in offline activities as well. We will discuss these rules and post them near the computer as a reminder.

I will not overreact if my child tells me about something "bad" he or she finds or does on the Internet.

If my child does something that I do not approve of online, we will have a calm conversation about my expectations and the reasons for our Internet rules. I understand that just taking away the Internet will not solve the problem.

I will try to get to know my child's online friends and contacts just as I try to get to know his or her offline friends.

I will try to put the home computer in a family area rather than in my child's bedroom.

I will report suspicious and illegal activity and sites to the proper authorities and learn how to report abuse when necessary.

I will frequently check to see where my kids have visited on the Internet and I will talk to them if I see something I am concerned about or that I think is inappropriate.

I will talk to my children about their social networking profiles; what they can and cannot post, whom they should allow as friends and how to behave appropriately in their online interactions.

I will learn about parental controls for filtering and blocking inappropriate Internet material from my children.

If my child continues to break, our Internet rules after we have discussed them I will impose penalties for their actions including taking away his or her computer, cell phone or other devices until the behavior changes.

I, _____ agree to the above.

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Parent's Signature Date

_____ _____

Child's Signature Date