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## Using the Internet safely

The BSA Youth Protection Task Force reminds adult leaders of the precautions to take in order to enjoy the benefits of the Internet and avoid its risks. Leaders should share these with youth members in their units:

- Never give out personal information such as your address, telephone number, the school you attend, or your parents' work addresses or telephone numbers.
- Tell your parents right away if you come across information that makes you feel uncomfortable.
- Never agree to meet with anyone you meet online unless you take your parents with you. You can't tell if the person is really a 13-year-old Scout or a 35-year-old child molester pretending to be a 13-year-old Scout.
- Never send a picture or any other personal information without your parents' permission.
- Do not respond to messages that are mean or make you feel uncomfortable. Tell your parents if you receive these messages so that they can contact your internet service provider.

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