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of Long Island  
are counting  
on CAPS –**



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every child safe from harm.™

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**Internet Safety:  
What Parents  
Need To Know**



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### Child Abuse Prevention Services (CAPS)

was founded in 1982 for the purpose of preventing child abuse and neglect. This purpose is expressed in CAPS' mission: working together to keep every child safe from harm.™

To help keep kids safe online, CAPS developed *SurfSafe!*™ This two-session, multi-media program for 6th to 9th grade students focuses on cyber-bullying, online sexual exploitation and other Web-based threats to children. But keeping children safe online is everyone's responsibility – and there are things you should know to help make a difference.

For example: do you know what WTGP means? How about A/S/L or PAW? Kids know these acronyms mean “want to go private?”, “age/sex/location” and “parents are watching” – and so should you.

### Things About The Internet You Should Know

- One in seven children have received sexual solicitations online
- Nine- to 14-year-olds are more likely to be cyber-bullied; kids over the age of 14 are more likely to be sexually harassed or exploited online
- Many college admissions committees look at social networking sites when reviewing prospective students

### Warning Signs Your Child May Be In Trouble Online

- Spending more time online to the exclusion of friends and family activities
- Closing of computer screens when adults enter the room
- Receiving phone calls, mail and gifts from strangers
- Becoming increasingly withdrawn, isolated or moody
- Declining grades and avoidance of school
- Using an online account belonging to someone else
- Presence of pornography on the computer
- Inappropriate sexual knowledge

### Things You Can Do To Help Keep Your Kids Safe Online

- Learn everything you can about the Internet
- Keep the computer in a well-trafficked room
- Check out filtering and monitoring applications
- Together, set guidelines for online behavior
- Get to know your children's online friends
- If your children have online profiles, look at them periodically
- Make sure your children's schools have strong “acceptable use” policies in place
- Encourage your children to come to you if they encounter problems online
- Report trouble to your Internet Service Provider (ISP)

If your child is being sexually solicited or exploited online, contact the CyberTipline at 800-843-5678; the information you provide will be forwarded to the proper law enforcement agency for investigation and review.

Remember: if you're not communicating with your children, chances are someone else is. Studies show families who talk with their kids about Internet safety encourage kids to make safer online decisions.

To help those who are working together to keep every child safe from harm, just fill in this form, tear it off and send it to:

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#### YES, CAPS can count on me!

- I'd like to know more about the work of CAPS – please send me some more information.
- I'd like to know how I can become a CAPS volunteer.
- I'd like to support CAPS; enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution of:  
 \$500  \$250  \$100  \$50  Other \$\_\_\_\_\_
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#### METHOD OF PAYMENT:

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- Please bill my credit card (check one):  
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