

“Social Networking Safety”
A Guide for Parents

Nancy Willard, Director of the Center for Safe and Responsible Internet Use, recently addressed the topic of internet safety at a Princeton University forum geared toward parents

Willard's message was simple – the internet is here, kids will use it, so parents need to set clear guidelines for proper use based on a child's age and maturity.

To help parents navigate cyberspace with their teens, Willard created this practical guide. Professionals may also find this useful and may reproduce and share it. In addition, Willard plans to make a narrated presentation available next fall.

Additional resources are available at <http://csriu.org> including Willard's two recent books for sale: [Cyberbullying and Cyberthreats: Responding to the Challenge of Online Social Cruelty, Threats, and Distress](#); and [Cyber-Safe Kids, Cyber-Savvy Teens, Helping Young People Use the Internet Safety and Responsibly](#).

The Princeton forum was held in conjunction with the release of the most recent *Future of Children* volume, *Children and Electronic Media* (Vol. 18, No. 1). The volume focuses on how common forms of electronic media influences the wellbeing of children and adolescents. Accompanying the journal is an Executive Summary and a Policy Brief.

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