

GRADES 3-5







PRIVACY

In this age of instant information and 24-hour news shows, children are inundated with information. Some of the information that is made public is actually very private information that should not ever be shared. Children can be very confused about what information to share and what information is to be kept private.

Directions:

On the following page, you and your child will solve the Privacy Activity.

Talk with your child about the different types of information:

Discuss that some information should stay private, and sometimes it is ok for your child to share. For example, your child should share the password for their digital device with a parent or caregiver, but they should never share that password with a stranger. Let your child know that some of the choices in the activity below may be safe to share with everyone, while other choices should only be shared with certain people.

Talk about what information your child should share and what information should only be shared with you as a parent/caregiver.

What information would you:

- Only share with parents/caregivers
- · Maybe share with others

Help your child to understand that they are entitled to privacy. Your child decides what they share with others and what they don't based upon how that information makes them feel. Of course, there is information that should never be shared (like family passwords), and there is some information you as a parent/caregiver must be told to help keep them safe (like the password to your child's digital device). It is very important for your child to understand that an unsafe secret or unsafe touch should ALWAYS be reported to you or another trusted adult. Unsafe secrets are secrets that involve touching, or ones that make your child feel uncomfortable, afraid, threatened, or ones that they are told not to tell.