

# Privacy Rules

**\* DID YOU KNOW ...**

Kids have special legal protection online. All websites that collect information about kids under the age of 13 are required by law to follow a law called COPPA (the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act), which is meant to give parents control over the information websites collected about their kids.

**Match the words to their definition**

privacy policy	a sign or stamp that states that a website, company, or group meets a certain set of standards and is doing a good job
seal of approval	using technology tools such as the Internet and cell phones to deliberately upset someone else
cyberbullying	a legal document that explains how a website gathers and uses your private information
stereotype	an idea about a group of people that's not always true

**\* WHAT DO YOU THINK?**

Why should you not give out your private information?

**\* DO YOU REMEMBER ...**  
How you can tell if a website protects your private information?

## 1. Family Activity

With a family member, come up with a privacy policy for your bedroom.

What are some privacy rules you would like other family members to follow? Why are they important to you? Some examples might include knocking before entering or asking before borrowing something. Discuss your expectations with one another and agree on privacy policies for your bedrooms. Write down the rules you both agree on to formalize your privacy policy.

## 2. Tech It Up!

Websites have privacy policies too. With a parent, visit three sites you like to explore online. On each site, see if you can find the privacy policy. Next, look to see if the website has a privacy seal of approval and whether there's a contact to whom parents can reach out with questions about privacy.

## 3. Common Sense Says ...

Even if a site has a privacy policy, be careful! The site still might use your private information in ways you don't want it to. Look for websites with privacy seals of approval. Also, avoid giving out your full name, address, phone number, or email address on websites without getting permission from a parent or trusted adult.