

## Stay Cyber *SMART*

For parents, when it comes to your children being online, think SMART:

**Stop** unnecessary sharing; Don't allow your child to give out personal information – such as name, address, phone number, photos or school name to strangers.

**Monitor** your child's online activity. Especially true about social media.

**Assess** privacy: understand what information is being collected about your child by reading the privacy policies.

**Research** apps: know what your child is downloading and all the features of that app.

**Teach:** Emphasize to your children the importance of not downloading unknown files, not signing up for free products, not believing everything on the internet, and not to meet with strangers met through the internet.

Cyber smart guidelines for adults:

- When shopping online, look for "https". The "s" means secure.
- Never disclose personal information such as passwords and credit card numbers when using a public WiFi connection.
- Keep your software up to date and have appropriate anti-malware installed.
- Never respond to unexpected requests for your personal information. Scammers may pretend to be your credit union, credit card company or government agency.
- Do not click on links, open attachments or download anything from a suspicious message, even if it appears to be from a friend or trusted source.

For more information about these and other important consumer protection issues, visit [www.OhioProtects.org](http://www.OhioProtects.org).