

<b>Browser</b>	A software program that allows internet users to interact with, navigate, or “browse” parts of the internet (ex: Netscape, Fire Fox, and Internet Explorer)
<b>Bulletin Boards</b>	Message Boards: public area on the internet where messages or comments can be posted for other board members to read and reply to
<b>Chat Room</b>	A virtual room or gathering place for internet users who have shared interests to congregate and converse
<b>Cyber Grooming</b>	The process that online predators use to trick their victims by building false trust and relationships
<b>Cyberspace</b>	The virtual community on the internet in which real people interact through digital means to download information such as text, images, movies, and email via the internet
<b>Flame</b>	A mean or hurtful e-mail message
<b>Hacker</b>	A person who uses the internet to break into a computer or network
<b>IM</b>	Instant messaging: a real-time internet communication application –one on one
<b>Intellectual Property</b>	Materials protected by copyright laws, including songs, movies, books, etc.
<b>ISP</b>	Internet Service Provider: a vendor that provides internet access to its customers

<b>Malicious Code</b>	A computer program that is meant to hurt you and your computer (ex: viruses, worms, and Trojan horses)
<b>Pharming</b>	Deceitful method used by identity thieves to redirect users to bogus sites with the intent of acquiring personal info
<b>Phishing</b>	Method used to fraudulently acquire sensitive info, such as passwords and credit card details, by masquerading as a trust worthy person or business in an apparently official electronic communication, such as an e-mail
<b>Piracy</b>	Robbery from internet sites to produce counterfeit copyrighted software and other material
<b>Search Engine</b>	A software program that allows one to perform searches on the internet
<b>Social-networking site</b>	Web sites designed to encourage communication between persons of similar interests or geographic regions
<b>URL</b>	Universal/Uniform Resource Locator: another name for a web address (the URL is located at the top of a web page and generally begins with http//www.)

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# Internet Safety



# Terminology