



Computer/Online Use: Safety Activity Checkpoints



Using the Internet in Girl Scouting isn't solely for girls participating in a virtual manner; girls use the Web to communicate with other girls, research travel plans and activities, and create Web sites for events and series opportunities. In addition, a Girl Scout group working with an adult may wish to do such things as:

- Earn a technology award or other award found online
- Promote the Girl Scout Cookie sale using the online marketing tools offered on Girl Scout product vendor Web sites
- Search for other Girl Scout council or group Web sites
- Research a badge or community resource
- Visit the [World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts' \(WAGGGS\) Web site](#) or member countries' Web sites
- Create a static Web page on the Internet (a static Web page is one that looks the same each time users view it and does not allow guests to post to it)
- Set up a secure, password-protected Web site with a calendar and information for girls and families
- Use Girl Scout vendor Web sites to learn more about product activities
- Set up a social networking page (ages 13 and older)

Monitor Web sites that girls view, ensuring that they are safe and actively controlled. For online and product sales, refer to the Safety Activity Checkpoints called "Girl Scout Cookie/Council-Sponsored Product Sales." No girl or adult acting on behalf of girl members can collect money online for Girl Scout products or a money-earning activity online. The only exception to this is GSUA-approved magazine vendor programs.

Know where to use computers and go online. Connect with your Girl Scout council for site suggestions.

Include girls with disabilities. Communicate with girls with disabilities and/or their caregivers to assess any needs and accommodations. Learn more about the resources and information that [Independent Living Institute](#) provides to people with disabilities.