

### **“R U Safe?”**

As parents, we do all we can to keep our children safe. We have our children immunized, we make sure they are wearing seatbelts, we even provide safety equipment when they play. But what about keeping them safe while on the internet or when they are using their cell-phones? The Texas Young Lawyers Association has released several short videos that address appropriate internet and cell-phone behavior. These videos are ideal for starting conversations about how to interact appropriately when chatting, texting, or visiting social networking sites. Visit: <http://www.tyla.org/tyla/index.cfm/projects/r-u-safe/>

Here is an excerpt taken from their site:

“R U Safe? Is designed to educate children and their parents about online dangers and give them the tools needed to be safe while online. It is intended to serve students at every age level (elementary, middle school and high school) and also contains a section for parents. Using experts from law enforcement and child advocacy groups, the video covers such wide-ranging topics as cyber bullying, social networking sites, chat rooms, “sexting,” and online predators. Children are also told how to report suspicious activity and educated about the legal ramifications of certain online behavior. The parental section addresses basic safety plans, implementing parental controls, privacy settings and child-safe browsers, and the use of cookies and website history. It also provides parents with useful advice about how they should address the issue of cyber safety with their children.”

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As educators, we are always looking for tools to help educate our students. This is one tool I wanted to share with you.

Thank you for sharing your child with me,  
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