

# Expert Group - Resources

**Directions:** In your expert group, read and discuss the information provided on this reference sheet. When finished, brainstorm at least two rules, which represent the information you have learned. Remember: You are responsible for becoming the expert on this topic. You will be required to share this information with your base group.

## **When Problems Occur**

On the Internet, there are varying degrees of offense, just as there are in real life. Some things are mere annoyances, such as junk e-mail or spam. Other things rise above being annoyances and become illegal, such as child luring or child pornography. There is a proper place to report annoyances, just as there is a way to report the more illegal crimes.

**A general guideline for reporting Internet wrongdoing is to get the help of a trusted adult to determine if law enforcement should be called.**

**Any type of threat of physical harm is illegal and must be reported.**

1. Call the local police and ask if they have a department affiliated with Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). If they do, go through that department.
2. Simultaneously, file a report with the Cybertips hotline at **1-800-843-5678**.

## **Online criminal actions that should be reported:**

- **Cyber Bullying** – You feel you are being bullied, harassed, and/or threatened online.
- **Cyber Stalking** – You feel you are being victimized by a hateful or obsessive person.
- **Child Luring** – You feel you are in danger or someone you know is in danger of falling prey to a predator.
- **Inappropriate Material Sent to a Minor** – Pornographic or other inappropriate material is being sent to you via online communication (e-mail, etc.).