Profile DOs and DON'Ts (Red Light/Green Light)

For Grades 3-5

Objective

Students think about statements made online in social networking site profiles and actions taken online and determine the appropriate response.

Required Materials

Room for students to move around.

Instructions

Begin by having the students line up evenly.

The teacher or facilitator will read statements in alternating order from the two lists below. For every statement, students decide if the statement is the appropriate online reaction or appropriate to include in an online profile. For every "profile do" the students take three steps forward. For every "profile don't" the students stop in place and don't move. If a student goes forward on a "profile don't," then that student must take one step back.

Profile DOs:

- If an instant message pops up from someone you do not know, you ignore it.
- You only add someone to your buddy list if you know him or her in real life.
- You share your passwords only with your parents, not your friends.
- When asked for your address in a chat room, you say no.
- You report offensive and inappropriate comments to the site.
- You tell your parents if someone you are talking to online makes you feel scared or uncomfortable.
- You block individuals who send threatening or inappropriate instant messages.
- You think before you post.
- When you receive chain e-mails from your friends, you delete them and don't forward them on to others.
- Your profile picture online is an image of a cartoon or avatar; it is not a photo of yourself.

Profile DON'Ts:

- You give out your cell phone number online.
- Your online profile includes a photo of yourself.
- You tell someone you met in a chat room where you go to school.
- You post private information about your best friend online after a fight.
- You meet in person someone you met online.
- You respond to harassing or rude comments e-mails.
- You forward to all your friends an embarrassing e-mail a classmate sent you.
- You give your e-mail password to your best friend.
- You ask your best friend to give you their password for their social networking page or e-mail account.
- If someone you met online sends you a link, you open it to see what it is.
- You post a photo of yourself with your team or school's name showing.
- When an instant messages pops up from someone you don't know, you always respond.

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