

WiFi, Passwords, and Phishing: Online Safety Tips

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SUBJECT(S): Personal Finance

GRADE LEVEL(S): 9, 10, 11, 12

≡ NBEA STANDARD(S):

- Personal Finance, I. Personal Decision Making
- Personal Finance, VIII. Protecting Against Risk

≡ RELATED ARTICLES:

- [“It’s Tempting, but Is It Ethical?”](#)
- [“Educator Toolkit: Financial Technology”](#)
- [“Beware of Scammers Lurking Online”](#)
- [“A Smart Virtual Cart: How to Be a Savvy Online Consumer”](#)

JUMP\$TART NATIONAL STANDARD: Financial Decision Making, Standard 7

CEE NATIONAL STANDARD: Protecting and Insuring, Standard 14

CONTENT STATEMENT: Students will identify online safety tips they can put into practice in their everyday lives

ESTIMATED TIME: 50 minutes

MATERIALS NEEDED: Each student needs a computer with Internet access; [Game Play Learning Guide](#) (included); [Vocabulary Powerpoint](#) (Included)

KEY VOCABULARY/TERMS: Phishing, WiFi, Encryption

WHY THIS MATTERS TO YOU NOW: The Internet can be a scary place, and most teens are likely interacting online in their everyday lives.

1. Establish and communicate to students the following two learning outcomes:
 1. You will use strategies shared in today's lesson to establish safe passwords
 2. You will discuss tips to avoid phishing scams
 3. You will learn how to use WiFi safely
2. Distribute the game-play learning guide to students. Students will independently play the recommended game, read the short follow-up article, and make the required notes on the learning guide.
3. Students play the short games, read the short articles, and complete the game-play learning guides.
4. Pair students and have them collaborate to discuss the strategies they noted. Each student's selected strategies can be modified based on collaboration.

OPTIONAL: Require students to read [Digital-age Danger: Learning to Protect Your Identity](#) and reflect on how it impacts their everyday lives. Similarly, they might read [Beware of Scammers Lurking Online](#) and reflect on what they've read in the story commenting section. Note: they will need to be [registered WGYG users](#) to comment—it is free, harmless and only takes a minute.