Cyber Bullying and Technology Safety

**Alabama code related to cyber bulling**: Alabama: Ala. Code § 16.28B.5 (2010): "The model policy, at a minimum, shall contain all of the following components: . . . [4] A series of graduated consequences for any student who commits an act of intimidation, harassment, violence or threats of violence. Punishment shall conform with applicable federal and state disability, antidiscrimination, and education laws and school discipline policies."

5 Tips to Keep You Safe with Technology

1. Be on the lookout for copyrights. If you copy items, whether it is words or pictures that have a copyright....you run the risk of a copyright infringement. Another way to have a copyright infringement is to illegally download music or movies. People have actually been caught doing this and ended up having to pay fines or worse.
2. Not everything on the internet is true.  Information that is presented as accurate or important may be inaccurate and misleading. Always be sure that you are using a reliable/well known source when using internet resources.
3. Bad people do exist and want to take advantage of you. Do not to post a full name, address, phone number, school name and other personal information that could help a stranger to find you. Remember that photos - like you in a team sweatshirt - can give away clues to where they live. Do not to send photos to people you meet online.
4. Everything you post online is forever. Even if you delete posted photos, others may have already copied them into public forums and websites. Do not to let anyone, even friends, take pictures or videos of you that could cause embarrassment online - such as if a relative or teacher saw them.
5. Identity theft can happen to anyone. Hackers will "phish" your computer for any account information and will steal it for their own benefit. Help is available to minimize the impact of phishing on your network security. Simple products such as anti-spam and anti-spyware software are a good first defense.

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