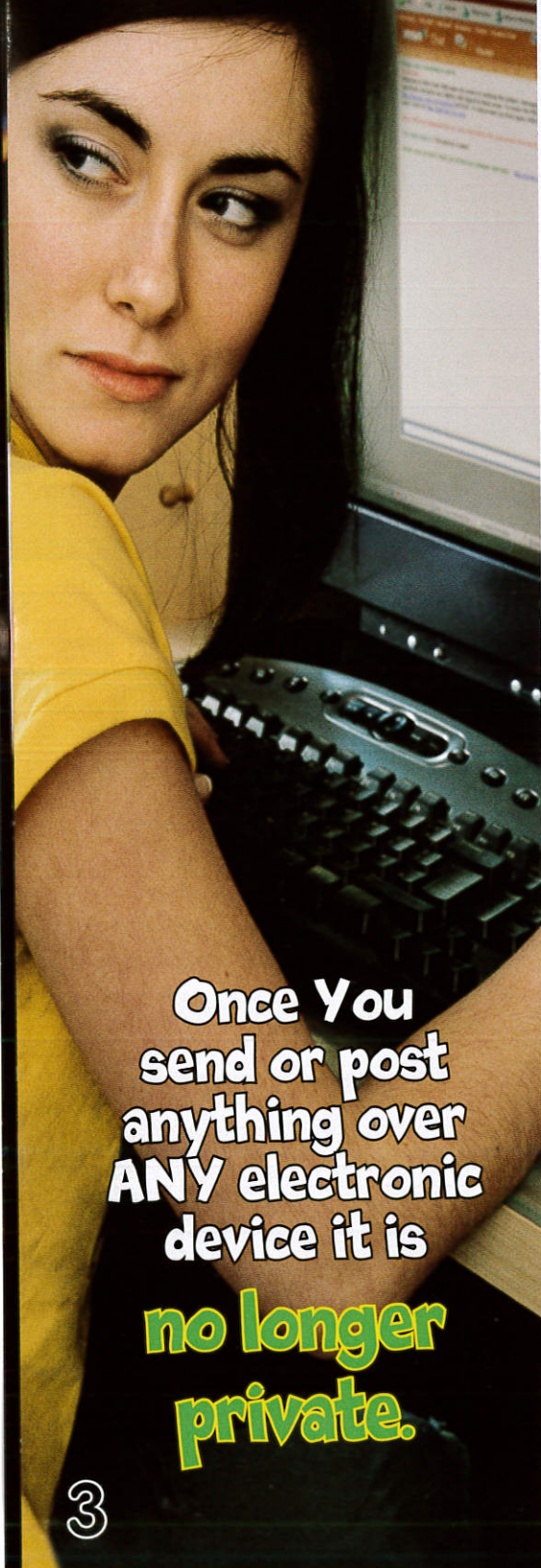


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Once You send or post anything over **ANY** electronic device it is **no longer private.**

Self protection

Unfortunately, you can never be too safe these days. Learn how to protect yourself . . . your body . . . your mind . . . and your identity.

Keep a level of suspense in a new relationship. Avoid offering too much information to a brand new "friend." Create new ways to protect yourself from anyone who may want to hurt you.

Know who you are and what you stand for. Wear it proudly.

- Look assertive and walk tall.
- Make eye contact.
- Avoid secluded areas where there is no help nearby if needed.
- Always keep your own personal safety in mind.
- **Trust your instincts.** If you feel unsafe with someone, end the meeting or date.
- Leave or call a trusted friend/relative to pick you up. Carry a cell phone on you at all times.

Never tell anyone on the phone, at the door, or on the Internet that you are home alone. Keep all windows and doors locked.

strangers

Not every stranger is dangerous. But a dangerous stranger may try to trick you into trusting him (or her) so they can harm you. A stranger is someone you do not know well, someone you may have never seen before, someone whose name you do not know, or someone your parents don't approve of.



Strangers have all kinds of ways to lure you into letting your guard down to trust them. Trust your instincts. If something seems weird or not right, leave immediately and tell someone who can help.

A stranger may ask you for directions, help finding a lost pet, help mailing a letter or carrying packages. They may also pretend to be hurt and need your assistance. A stranger may offer you a ride, gifts or money, a job, or offer to make you a star. He may ask you to play a game or become a friend on the Internet. Keep your guard up. Never give out personal information to someone you do not already know and trust.

If a stranger is following you, get away and get help immediately. If someone is constantly bothering you, tell your parent or another adult who can help. If you feel that you are in danger, contact your local law enforcement. Try to provide as much information and a description of the person or vehicle if possible.