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Press Release

**Ministry of Education and Ministry of
Communications will jointly lead an extensive
programme to increase Internet safety
awareness among children and teenagers**

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In a meeting conducted by Minister of Education Gideon Saar and Minister of Communications Moshe Kahalon, and attended by their respective senior staffs, a decision was reached to plan and execute an extensive programme to increase Internet safety awareness among children and teenagers.

There is now wide agreement in the public concerning the lurking risks faced by web-surfing children and teens today. The programme's point of departure is the ability to perceive the many positive advantages offered by the Internet and make use of them, while on the same time keep awareness of the hazards that may arise out of unsafe usage, such as: network bullying, exposure to violent or illegal contents, etc.

The issues involved are complex, and intervention is therefore much needed, to help and guide the kids in how to use the Internet, as well as instant messaging technologies, wisely and safely.



The two Ministers have agreed on a three-phase action plan.

Phase 1: Establishing a joint team that would be responsible for building a website designed to guide and inform kids and parents about safe Internet usage.

Phase 2: Producing a public information campaign on wise Internet conduct.

Phase 3: Implementing programs that would teach Internet safety within both the formal education system (schools) and the informal education system (youth movements, youth councils, etc).

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