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## **FBI Mobile Encourages Safe Online Learning for Students and Teachers While School Is Out**

Are you searching for free, fun and educational content for your child while school is out? Check out the FBI's Safe Online Surfing website. It has games teaching students in grades 3-8 how to stay safe online.

The goals of FBI's Safe Online Surfing (SOS) Internet Challenge programs are to make children aware of online threats and give them the knowledge they need to steer around them. As the FBI sees more and more crimes begin online, we are seeing more schools become involved in this program. It also shows that educators and caregivers recognize the importance of teaching young people web literacy and safety.

The SOS program teaches young people about web terminology and how to recognize secure and trustworthy sites. Other lessons cover how to protect personal details online, create strong passwords, avoid viruses and scams, be wary of strangers and be a good virtual citizen. Students in third through eighth grades and their parents can visit the island that corresponds with their grade level and surf through activities that teach how to recognize hazards and respond appropriately.

More than 1 million students completed the program and took the SOS exam during the 2018-2019 school year. SOS activities are available to everyone, but teachers must register for a class to participate in the tests and competition. Any public, private or home school in the United States with at least five students is eligible for the online challenge. Teachers manage their students' participation in the program and the FBI does not collect or store any student information.

Since October 2012, the FBI-SOS website has been visited nearly 3.6 million times, with a total of more than 10.6 million page views. Here is a link to the website for students, parents and teachers: <https://sos.fbi.gov/en/>

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