

Raising a Digital Generation: Media Awareness Network Launches New Tutorial for Parents

Media Awareness Network (MNet) recently released *e-Parenting Tutorial: Keeping up with your kids' online activities*, an online resource to help parents better understand and become actively involved in their children's online lives.

This engaging interactive tool helps parents increase their awareness of the ways that children and teens are using the Internet for learning, entertainment and socializing, and the issues they may be encountering along the way. Through the exploration of five key themes – homework, cyber bullying, marketing, online relationships and excessive use – parents can develop the knowledge and skills they need to help their children navigate the Internet safely, wisely and responsibly.

This practical resource takes a light-hearted approach while tackling serious issues, with downloadable tip sheets and links to further resources to help parents out. The key message throughout is that parents need to talk with their kids about their online explorations and work together to develop ground rules that everyone can live with.

e-Parenting Tutorial is available for free on Media Awareness Network's Web site (www.media-awareness.ca). It is also available on Be Web Aware (www.bewebaware.ca), an Internet safety Web site for parents developed by MNet in partnership with Bell.