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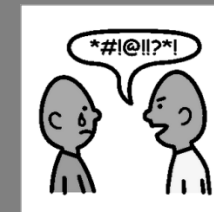
10. There is so much information out there online, it can be very difficult to distinguish what is true and not true. Before posting something, forwarding emails, or going off on a tangent, make sure it is factual and cite sources if possible to boost your credibility. Not only will this help keep down on the hoaxes and insanity floating around online, but it can help make you build a solid reputation online.



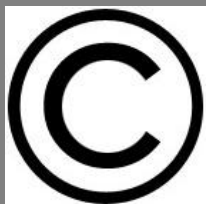
1. Treat others as you would like to be treated. This rule is an old but a good and can get you through just about any situation, online or off!



2. Flaming is a form of verbal abuse when you intentionally attack or disrespect somebody for whatever reason. Maybe you didn't agree with something they said, but there's a nice way to share a different point of view without name calling or attacking someone. Harassing or insulting someone will not likely help you gain many online friends!



3. There are wonderful things online, information for everyone on just about any topic! However, these things have copyrights and licenses. Copying the works of someone else without permission or saying it is your own will not only ruin your online reputation, but could cause you with heavy punishments and lawsuits!



4. **DON'T TYPE IN ALL CAPS** because it hurts our eyes. It makes people think you are shouting at them. It's okay to type in caps to accentuate a word or two, but please don't do it all the time everywhere you go.



5. If you own a blog, you probably get hundreds of spam messages each day. Most of them aren't even legible, with things like "kjhgsawu" typed in the comments and links to sites with adult or inappropriate content. Don't appreciate it! Some spammers are getting really sneaky, as they use the same generic post over and over again like "I really like your blog"

- if you own multiple blogs you can quickly identify these types of spammers! There's a fine line between spam and self-promotion, do it very carefully!



6. Faking website statistics, pretending to be someone else, or trying to cheat people online will not only hurt your reputation but can land you in a lot of hot water. You know the line honest is the best policy.



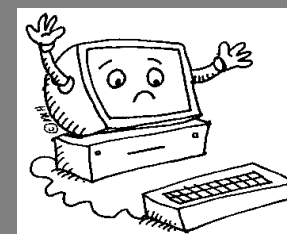
7. If u rite liek this lol ppl might start 2 get mad lol. :) We understand spelling isn't always easy and typos and basic spelling mistakes will happen. But if it's distracting from your message, it can be annoying.

Be careful not to use too much web jargon,

seeing lol used more than twice in a sentence or two is probably unnecessary and does not promote good internet etiquette.



8. Most sites have a terms of service policy that also lists rules of netiquette. Read it and abide by it!



9. Never write or say anything what you wouldn't let your friends read. It can really come back to haunt you if you write something that's not appropriate - as a blog owner, it could mean trouble with Google if you use them for adwords or like to be ranked in search engines since they seem to penalize swearing/adult content sites.



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