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The NetSmartz Five

5 Things You Should Know About USING SMARTPHONES SAFELY

- 1** Teens use smartphones for everything from playing games to downloading music. Check out this infographic to see what else they're doing.
- 2** In one survey, 69% of adults said they believe smartphones increase risks to teen safety and well-being.
- 3** A smartphone is basically a small computer, so you should protect it the same way. Read these FAQs to learn about protecting your phone.
- 4** Pictures taken on your smartphone and posted online may reveal your location. Read this news report to learn how to fix it.
- 5** You can help teens think about smartphone safety with a simple conversation. Use these discussion starters from NetSmartz to get going.



"Though there is a wealth of educational and fun content available on smartphones, we know that there are also many risks. Our goal is to stay ahead of these risks. From technical solutions to parent education efforts, we're constantly working to protect young smartphone users."

Debby Ballard,
Director of Community Affairs
for Sprint

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