

# Computer Corner

## Don't Let Bad Links Happen To Your Family

(NAPSA)—Clicking on the wrong link could land you in a lot of trouble—exposing your personal data and digital devices to spam, scams and malware. That's a message more people need to hear.

Links found in ads, IM, e-mail, wall posts and comments on websites may look innocent but they can make your digital devices vulnerable to criminals, hackers and spammers looking to gain control of your device and data. According to research by Javelin Strategy & Research, one in 10 Americans has already been a victim of identity theft.

Often, it's kids who are tempted to click on risky links, and it could be happening in your home. A recent Harris survey found that 48 percent of mothers have no idea what their kids are doing online.

If your kids are clicking on the wrong links, it will take more than a virus scanner to protect the devices in your home. Parents need to talk to their kids about the online



**Criminals, hackers and spammers use links as a way to gain control of your device and data.**

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dangers they face. One easy way to start the conversation is to show kids the funny, edgy videos found at [iKeepSafeANYWHERE.org](http://iKeepSafeANYWHERE.org). The videos show how promises made by some of these links, such as hot singles or male enhancement, are really designed to get your money or your data.

The site also offers helpful resources for parents and a curriculum plan for educators.

For more information, visit [www.iKeepSafeANYWHERE.org](http://www.iKeepSafeANYWHERE.org).