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SAFETY ON THE INTERNET

Directions: Read each scenario carefully and determine if the scenario is safe. If it is not safe, explain why in the space provided.

1. Sally is chatting on the computer with a buddy she met online. He asks her to give her phone number so he can hear her voice and get to know her better.
 Safe
 Not safe
Why? _____
2. Chris is on My Space and places his email address in his profile.
 Safe
 Not safe
Why? _____
3. Mary is chatting with Mike from school. He asks for her address so he can mail her an invitation to his party.
 Safe
 Not safe
Why? _____
4. Jane gives Laura her password because Laura's computer is in the shop and she wants to check her email.
 Safe
 Not safe
Why? _____
5. Joan is IMing Lou in all caps to stay away from her boyfriend. Joan has asked her to stop and deleted five messages already, but Lou keeps sending them.
 Safe
 Not safe
Why? _____
6. Max asks for Sharon's picture so he can post it on his web page.
 Safe
 Not safe
Why? _____

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7. Tom is purchasing a surfboard online. He has checked and there is a lock in the bottom right of the browser window. Also, the site carries the VeriSign logo. Tom places his credit card number in to purchase the surfboard
- Safe
- Not safe
- Why? _____
8. John is checking his email at home. He receives a message from someone he does not know. He opens the message
- Safe
- Not safe
- Why? _____
9. How do you know if a site is secure?
10. Have you ever downloaded a program that caused you problems or harmed your computer? What should you do to avoid harmful programs from installing?