

## FAUX PAW AND THE BULLY

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[Opening music]

McGruff, “Hey Kids. It’s your old pal McGruff the crime dog here. Meet my friend Faux Paw the Techno Cat. We wanna help ya be safe on the Internet. So if you run into a bully online never respond to their flame.”

Faux Paw, “Did you say FLAME?”

Cursor, “Not this kind of flame. [cursor lights into fire.] He’s talkin’ about people sayin’ mean things on the Internet. We call that flame.”

McGruff, “Never respond to flame. Faux Paw’s gonna show you why.”

[Music]

Faux Paw, “Hello again. I’m Faux Paw the Techno Cat. Today, I’m in Washington, DC. the heart of democracy to visit my cousin Ernie.”

Ernie, “Howdy Kids!”

Faux Paw, “Ernie has six toes on his front paws, too, again – just like me. Zee extra toe makes us extra fast on a keyboard.”

Ernie, “Hey kids – ya wanna see how fast we can type?”

Faux Paw, “Watch my six toes.”

Ernie, “Uh, that’d be 12 toes. Two paws. See. 12 toes.”

Computer, “Howdy Faux Paw.”

Faux Paw, “This came from Six-Toe-Ernie. How can you do that, you’re right here next to me?”

Ernie, “Leapin’ lizards. Someone’s pretending to be me. I never log in with my real name.”

Computer, “What’s up Faux Paw?”

Faux Paw, “He knows who I am.”

Ernie, "Imposter!"

Computer, "Guess what everybody. Faux Paw told someone in the Ball of Yarn Chat Room that she lives in the Capitol Building. Hehehehe. Can you believe it? She agreed to meet him out front. She doesn't have the sense she was born with."

Faux Paw, "Who knows about that?"

Ernie, "Well, everyone does now. That imposter's sending it all over the Internet."

Faux Paw, "Oh no. This is so embarrassing."

Computer, "I've met a lotta dumb cats, but that Faux Paw..."

Ernie, "We don't have to listen to this turkey."

Faux Paw, "Maybe cursor can help."

Cursor, "Great tarnation, Faux Paw. What's goin' on here?"

Faux Paw, "Someone's pretending to be Ernie and saying horrible things about me on the Internet."

Cursor, "Jumpin' Junipers! Sounds like an Internet bully to me."

Faux Paw, "I'm going to find out who it is. I don't know who you are, but I know..."

Cursor, "No Faux Paw, NEVER reply to a bully. That's just what bullies want you to do. Just turn off the screen and tell an adult."

Faux Paw, "But I know you're not the real Ernie because Ernie is sitting right here next to me. So, you can just shut your **BIG FAT KEYBOARD.**"

Cursor, "NO! That's personal information. Don't tell him where you are!! This is a bully. Maybe even a bulldoggy. This is eyepoppin serious. You need to turn off the screen and tell an adult. Use the button. It's right here. When you see something on the Internet that makes you sad or angry, or uncomfortable in any way, run and tell an adult. Remember. **KEEP SAFE. KEEP AWAY. KEEP TELLIN.** This is a time for **KEEP TELLIN.**

Ernie, "You got it partner! I know just the person to tell!"

[Music]

First Lady, “I’m so sorry this happened Faux Paw. Ernie did the right thing telling me. Let’s print your screen. Faux Paw, when people say mean things you just have to ignore them and do what you know is right. Always tell an adult right away if anything on the Internet makes you sad or worried or uncomfortable in any way, adults will know how to help you.”

Cursor, “Remember. KEEP SAFE. KEEP AWAY. KEEP TELLING. I KEEP SAFE. I KEEP SAFE my personal information – all of it! I never give my real name, address, phone number, the name of my school, or a picture of myself to anyone online. I KEEP AWAY from Internet strangers no matter what they tell me because I have no way of knowing who they really are. I KEEP TELLING my parents about everything I see on the Internet. I always tell them or a trusted adult when something makes me feel uncomfortable.”

First Lady, “And when it comes to your Internet community, be a good citizen. No one likes a bully. Be the good person ONLINE that you are when you’re OFFLINE. And when something goes wrong, run and tell an adult.”

Faux Paw, “Goodbye everyone.” [5:18]

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