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Q: Hello! Wondering if anyone over there is able to provide me with some links or suggestions for remaining safe and anonymous in our online dealings. I am looking for some suggestions in order to come-up with a cyber safety plan for women fleeing domestic violence. Any feedback is appreciated! Thanks!

Dawn

A: Here are a couple of good resources:

(1) Ontario Womens Justice Network at:
<http://www.owjn.org/concern.htm> but note that the article was written 6 years ago and needs to be updated to reflect the newest version of Internet Explorer/Outlook Express and newer alternate web browsers Such as Mozilla Firefox/Mozilla Thunderbird.

(2) BC Rural Women's Network website which has an Online Safety Toolkit - check the menu on the left side of the Home Page for more advice on specific topics such as web and e-mail safety:

<http://www.onlinesafetytoolkit.com/>

We recommend that women never use their name in their e-mail address or user name and not put personal or identifying information in their chat profile. Many police departments have a dedicated squad such as the Vancouver Police Department's Domestic Violence and Criminal Harrassment Unit(DVACH) and they would be excellent resources to determine current issues dealing with women fleeing domestic violence.