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Keeping your Children Safe Online

Quick guide



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Stay Safe

Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.



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Don't Meet Up

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.



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Accepting Files

Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.



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Reliable?

Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?















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Tell Someone

Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.







Follow
these SMART
tips to keep
yourself safe
online!







	Facebook	PC, Mac, Android, IOS		
<p>Facebook is a social network which lets you create a page about yourself. You can add friends, write on people's pages, share photos and videos including live videos. Messenger allows you to instant message in group chats or one to one. Facebook allows gaming and live streaming.</p>				
Minimum Age	13+	Total Risk 19%		
				
Sexual	Violence & Hatred	Bullying	Suicide & Self harm	Drinks, Drugs & Crime
Positives		Negatives		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can use it to communicate with friends and family around the world. It helps you to keep up to date with what's going on with friends and in the news. It's entertaining as there are lots of funny videos and memes that are shared. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receiving friend requests or messages from people they don't. Seeing inappropriate or upsetting posts or pages that are shared. The amount of adverts and spam posts that you can't really control. 		
<p>"Give your Facebook account a privacy check by tapping Privacy Shortcuts, then Privacy Check-up in the help and settings menu."</p>				







	KIK	PC, Mac, Android, IOS		
<p>Kik is an instant messaging app. It lets you create your own username and message others without using your mobile number. You can share photos, organise events, share games, news and anything of interest to you from the internet..</p>				
Minimum Age	13+	Total Risk 15%		
				
Sexual	Violence & Hatred	Bullying	Suicide & Self harm	Drinks, Drugs & Crime
Positives		Negatives		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting new people and making friends Talking to your friends and sharing funny posts 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Being contacted by people they don't know You can be sent nasty messages 		
<p>"Kik is a bit trickier than other messaging apps. On iOS you can block someone from their contact by clicking on 'Info'. With Android you click on the main menu, head to 'Chat info' and click on the top right hand corner to block."</p>				

	Snapchat	PC, Mac, Android, IOS		
<p>Snapchat is an app that lets you send a photo, short video or message to your contacts. The 'snap' appears on screen for up to 10 seconds before disappearing, or there is an option to have no time limit. There's also a feature called Snapchat Story that lets you share snaps in a sequence for up to 24 hours.</p>				
Minimum Age	13+	Total Risk 14%		
				
Sexual	Violence & Hatred	Bullying	Suicide & Self harm	Drinks, Drugs & Crime
Positives		Negatives		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Talking to friends and sending them videos or pictures Being able to choose who can see your snaps 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It shares your location if you don't use 'ghost mode' People can screen shot images you share Getting messages or request for sexual images from people you don't know It can be used for bullying 		
<p>"You can hide your location in Snapchat by turning on Ghost Mode in Settings, then See My Location."</p>				















	Instagram	PC, Mac, Android, IOS		
<p>Instagram is a picture and video sharing app. Users can post content and use hashtags to share experiences, thoughts or memories with an online community. You can follow your friends, family, celebrities and even companies on Instagram. Instagram allows live streaming.</p>				
Minimum Age	13+	Total Risk 9%		
				
High Risk	Mid Risk	High Risk	Mid Risk	Mid Risk
Sexual	Violence & Hatred	Bullying	Suicide & Self harm	Drinks, Drugs & Crime
Positives		Negatives		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A fun way to see what your friends, family and celebrities are up to. It's easy to communicate with your friends You can follow pages with things you're interested in Posting photos and videos in a creative way 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People you don't know can comment on your posts, message you or follow you. Sometimes you can see upsetting or inappropriate posts. People write mean or bullying comments on your posts. 		
<p>"Instagram has developed a filter that will block certain offensive comments on posts and in live video. You can still report, delete or turn off comments. To access the filter, click the '...' settings menu from the profile and scroll to tap 'Comments'."</p>				







	Twitter	PC, Mac, Android, IOS		
<p>Twitter is a social media site and app that lets you post public messages called tweets. These can be up to 280 characters long. As well as tweets, you can send private messages and post pictures/videos. Brands, companies and celebrities can also have Twitter accounts.</p>				
Minimum Age	13+	Total Risk 15%		
				
High Risk	High Risk	High Risk	Mid Risk	Mid Risk
Sexual	Violence & Hatred	Bullying	Suicide & Self harm	Drinks, Drugs & Crime
Positives		Negatives		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People write funny tweets Being able to express yourself Following celebrities and finding out what's going on in the world 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeing inappropriate content It can be used for bullying people It's hard to know what's true 		
<p>"Twitter allows you to mute words to help filter inappropriate content from your timeline and notifications. Tap settings, then muted words and simply add the words you would like to block to the list."</p>				

	YouTube	PC, Mac, Android, IOS		
<p>YouTube allows you to watch, create and comment on videos. You can create your own YouTube account, create a music playlist, and even create your own channel, which means you will have a public profile. YouTube allows live streaming</p>				
Minimum Age	13+	Total Risk 14%		
				
High Risk	High Risk	High Risk	High Risk	High Risk
Sexual	Violence & Hatred	Bullying	Suicide & Self harm	Drinks, Drugs & Crime
Positives		Negatives		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following your favourite YouTubers Listening to music Learning new things from videos 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People write mean things in the comments of videos You can see content that's inappropriate There are a lot of adverts The negative attitudes of some YouTubers 		
<p>"Remember to consider YouTube Kids as a safer option for younger children. YouTube Kids allows parents to set an age level and time limits."</p>				



	Pokémon Go	PC, Mac, Android, IOS		
Pokémon GO allows you to find Pokémon characters and catch them to add to your collection. The map is based on where you are standing (in real life).				
Minimum Age	13+	Total Risk	20%	
				
Sexual	Violence & Hatred	Bullying	Suicide & Self harm	Drinks, Drugs & Crime
Positives		Negatives		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring outside and getting out of the house It's fun to play with friends and family 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sometimes during the game people are able to see your location You have to be connected to the internet for it to work The risks of walking around places you may not know 		
They might not be looking where they're going. They need to be careful of their surroundings. There are already stories of people being lured to undesirable places for children. That's why setting some geographical boundaries is important				

	Dubsmash	PC, Mac, Android, IOS		
Dubsmash is an app which lets you create your own music videos dubbed with famous sounds and quotes. Once you've finished, you can share the video with your friends or with people from around the world.				
Minimum Age	13+	Total Risk	19%	
				
Sexual	Violence & Hatred	Bullying	Suicide & Self harm	Drinks, Drugs & Crime
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can be creative and make music videos to share with your friends You can keep in touch with your friends The privacy settings mean you can share things just with your friends. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are sometimes nasty or bullying comments written on people's videos 		
"Did you know once you remove a contact from the contact list it also blocks them from sending 'dubs' to you? Don't worry they can be re-added but this is a great way to ensure your kids are safe online."				

	Minecraft	PC, Mac, Android, IOS		
Minecraft is a game that lets you build and create a virtual world using building blocks. Other activities include using the multiplayer function to explore the worlds created by other users and to combat, chat and play with them.				
Minimum Age	13+	Total Risk	4%	
				
Sexual	Violence & Hatred	Bullying	Suicide & Self harm	Drinks, Drugs & Crime
Positives		Negatives		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You can be creative and build your own world If you don't join a server then you can just play it with people you know The chat is moderated 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are in-app purchases You might play with people you don't know and they can message mean things There is some violence which might be upsetting to younger player 		
"Minecraft is one of the most popular kids games – our top tip is to turn off any chat features in the settings of the app. This will make sure that if your child does want to play online; they won't be speaking to any people you wouldn't want them to."				



Coming soon - games

