

Keeping children safe online



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Because children are naturally curious, tend to be trusting and are often not properly equipped to deal with unfamiliar situations, the internet can be a scary and potentially dangerous place.

The risks are very different online from those in the street or the playground, because the internet is such a vast place which is relatively unregulated. And those who perpetrate abuse of different kinds and distribute inappropriate images, rarely have any conscience about the harm they do.

Whether you're a parent, grandparent or look after children in some other capacity, one of your main concerns will be the safety of your young charges on the internet. That includes using smartphones, tablets and game consoles, including those they may have received as Christmas presents. We have some top tips to help you to keep them safeguarded.



Helping to protect children online

(and remember that 'online' applies to smartphones and tablets as well as computers)

- Work with your child positively to be clear on the safe use of the internet.
- Encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult about any concerns they may have.
- Talk to other parents and share concerns.
- Use parental software – available either as part of an internet security package or one of the many dedicated products on the market.
- Take advantage of the content filters offered by most ISPs.
- Report concerns to the appropriate ISP, website or social network.

For more information on safeguarding children online please visit

www.getsafeonline.org and click 'Safeguarding Children'

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