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ONLINE SAFETY

PARENT WORKSHOP

Misinformation, AI-generated fakes and deceptive gaming features

Safer Children Brighter Futures

What you need to know to help keep your children safe online



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Why does it matter?

The online world brings lots of amazing opportunities for our children to learn, be creative and stay connected.

However, it also comes with risks such as misinformation, AI-generated fakes and deceptive gaming features.

A little awareness can make a big difference!

Let's work together to keep our children safe, informed and confidrent online.

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Misinformation

"Just because it's online doesn't mean it's true."

Children can come across videos, posts, images and "news" that look convincing but contain information that is false, misleading or taken out of context. Recommendation algorithms can also mean that once a child watches or interacts with something, they may be shown more similar content (e.g. YouTube).



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STOP • CHECK • ASK

Teach your children to STOP – CHECK – ASK before believing or sharing something:

STOP

Does this seem shocking, frightening or designed to make me react quickly?

CHECK

Who posted it? Is there evidence? Can I find the same information from a trusted source?

ASK

If I'm unsure, ask a trusted adult before sharing it.

Popular doesn't mean true.

Lots of views, likes and comments are not evidence that something is accurate.

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AI-generated fakes

"Seeing is no longer always believing."

Children may encounter AI-generated pictures, voices and videos that make it appear that a real person said or did something they never actually did. AI can also create completely fictional people, events and screenshots that look genuine.



Parents don't need to become deepfake detectives. Instead, encourage a healthy habit of questioning the source. If something surprising appears to show a teacher, celebrity, family member or friend doing or saying something unusual, children should not immediately share it, respond to it or act on it.

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A good family rule

PAUSE before you believe.

CHECK before you share.

ASK when you're unsure.

Think before you share!

Also remind children that creating an AI fake of somebody else as a "joke" can still embarrass, frighten or harm that person.

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Deceptive gaming features

"Is the game trying to persuade me?"

Children may not recognise that some features are deliberately designed to influence their choices by encourage them to keep playing, return frequently, spend money or make quick decisions.

Parents can look out for:

- Countdowns and limited-time offers
- Repeated prompts to buy virtual items
- Rewards for logging in every day
- In-game currencies
- "Random reward" mechanics (loot boxes)

Don't just monitor your child's screen – talk about what's happening on it.

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Talking with your child

Regular, calm conversations are one of the most useful protections. Parents could occasionally ask:

- Show me what you're playing at the moment.
- Who do you talk to when you play?
- Has anything online ever made you unsure whether it was real?
- Does this game ever try to get you to spend money?
- What would you do if someone sent you a strange AI picture or video?



Children need to know that telling an adult won't automatically mean losing their device or getting into trouble. Otherwise, they may be less likely to speak up when something genuinely worries them.

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The 4 C's

to help parents quickly assess whether a game, app or streaming platform is safe:

Content

Is the material age-appropriate? Watch out for fast-paced, social-media-style loops that bypass early development guidelines.

Contact

Can strangers or older users message your child? Gaming platforms like Roblox or interactive chat apps frequently expose children to unmoderated communication.

Conduct

Does the platform encourage aggressive behaviour, peer pressure, or 'chasing likes'?

Commerce

Are there hidden loot boxes, in-app purchases, or targeted scams aimed at children?

Let's keep our children safe online, together.

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