How to keep your child safe online

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Here are some tips for parents to keep your child safe online

BE SAFE

* Be aware of how your child uses the internet and explore it with them
* **Set rules** and **monitor** to make sure your child knows what information they can share or post online and which websites they can visit
* Teach your child to **tell a trusted adult** if they feel uncomfortable about something they have found on the internet or received in an email
* Discuss with your child the importance of keeping **personal information private**. This sort of information can be used to identify or locate where they live, go to school or activities in which they are involved

For more information visit: www.esafety.gov.au
http://cnadigitalcitizenship.weebly.com/for-parents.html

BE RESPECTFUL

* Talk to your children about **cyberbullying**. Online communication should be responsible and respectful
* Children and adolescents who are being cyberbullied sometimes change their behaviour. If you are concerned they might be a victim of cyberbullying, talk to them and tell them you are concerned. Arrange to talk to a teacher or school counsellor
* Advise your child **not to respond** to any negative messages and to **keep evidence**. Tell them to **report** any negative messages they receive to you or another trusted adult
* Children and their parents can contact social media companies and ask for defamatory material to be taken down. If the material is not gone within 48 hours, a complaint can be lodged with the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner at **www.esafety.gov.au**

BE RESPONSIBLE

* Consider using inbuilt **filters** and controls on your digital devices and home network to manage your children's online access. Keep your **virus protection** up to date
* Talk with your child about being careful when downloading files or clicking on links. Some files or links may be harmful viruses or trying to obtain personal information
* **Certain online activities** (downloading illegal videos or music, plagiarism, sexting, identity theft, 'hacking' networks) are illegal and can result in criminal charges

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