

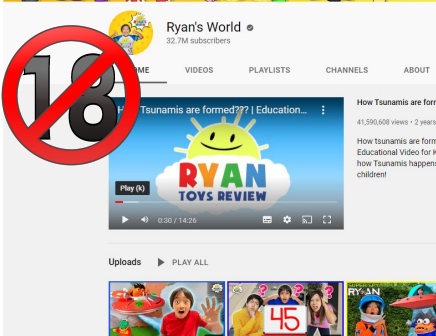
Protecting Your Family in the Online World





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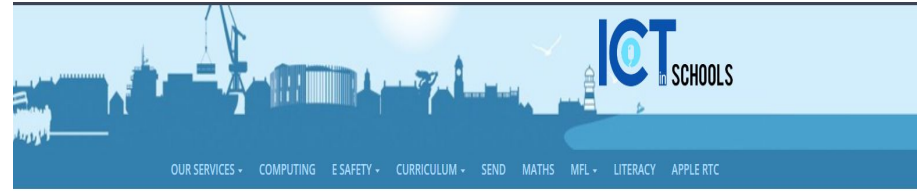




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Aims

- Raise awareness of current issues in e-safety
- What might children be doing online and the risks they face?
- Where to get more information and resources
- Reporting issues



What are the risks for young people?



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The Online Safety Act

- **Scope of Regulation:** The bill applies to a wide range of online platforms, social media, and other online services.
- **Duty of Care:** Platforms are required to take measures to ensure the safety of their users, particularly children, and to address harmful content.
- **Regulation of Illegal Content:** The bill targets illegal content such as child sexual exploitation and abuse material, terrorist content, and other forms of criminal content.



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The Online Safety Act

- **Regulation of Harmful but Legal Content:** Platforms are expected to address harmful but legal content, ensuring it is effectively dealt with through appropriate measures.
- **User Reporting:** Platforms must have mechanisms for users to report harmful content easily, and they are obligated to respond promptly.
- **Regulator Oversight:** A new regulator will oversee compliance, with powers to enforce the duty of care and issue fines for non-compliance.
- **Age-Related Material:** Platforms need to have measures in place to prevent children from accessing inappropriate content. This includes explicit material and content deemed harmful to the well-being of minors. Platforms are expected to implement age verification mechanisms and take steps to restrict access to age-inappropriate material.



What Can You Do

Be a parent not a friend

1. Set up parental controls and Set Ground Rules

Parental controls are the best way to make sure your children don't see anything inappropriate while they're online. Don't forget to make sure these are active on your mobile network, not just on WiFi! How and where do your children access their online world? Do they take their mobile devices to bed at night? Are PCs in shared living areas or in bedrooms?

2. Make sure you're 'appy with the apps your children are using

Parental controls are also where you can set age limits so children can't download any apps that are unsuitable for them. Be sure to turn off location sharing in the apps they use regularly. You should also turn off in-app purchases so you don't get any nasty surprises in your next bank statement!

3. Is your child's screen time balanced?

Instead of worrying about how long your children are spending on screens, think about the ways they're using them. Are they being active, doing something creative or talking to their friends? Or are they being passive and just watching mindless videos? Think about other things you could do with them to stimulate their creativity.



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4. Be clear what information can and can't be shared

We all love to share things online, but we all have some things we should keep private. Make sure your children know not to share personal information like their full name, their school or their address with strangers!

5. Make yourself a trusted adult

As well as learning about blocking and reporting inappropriate content, children need to know that they can come to you if they have a problem. If they do share a problem with you, try to actively listen without judging, and make sure you know who else you can turn to if you need extra help. There are all kinds of organisations out there that can help.

6. Start a conversation

We know it can be awkward to talk to your children about what they get up to online, but starting a conversation means they're more likely to come to you with a problem. Start with open-ended questions, like "How do you feel about...?" We also recommend having 'sideways conversations - start a chat while you're in the car, or going for a walk together!

7. Don't just talk about the scary stuff!

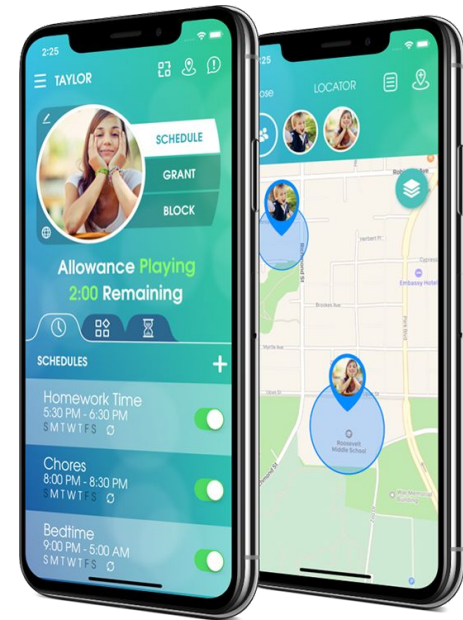
It's important that children see all the positive things about being online, not just the risks. Take an interest in the things they do online and start an ongoing discussion, and you'll find it much easier to slip the subject of online safety in there!



Strategies for keeping children Safe

- Parent settings on devices
- Internet service provider
- Google family link
- Apple family share
- Apps to monitor
- **Actively** check devices
- Encourage talk!

Review of apps



Parent challenges monitoring children's use of social media apps

Percent of parents of kids 7-12 reporting challenges



39%

Too time-consuming to monitor use

21%

Unable to find the info needed to set up parental controls

32%

Children find ways to get around parental controls

Source: C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health, 2021

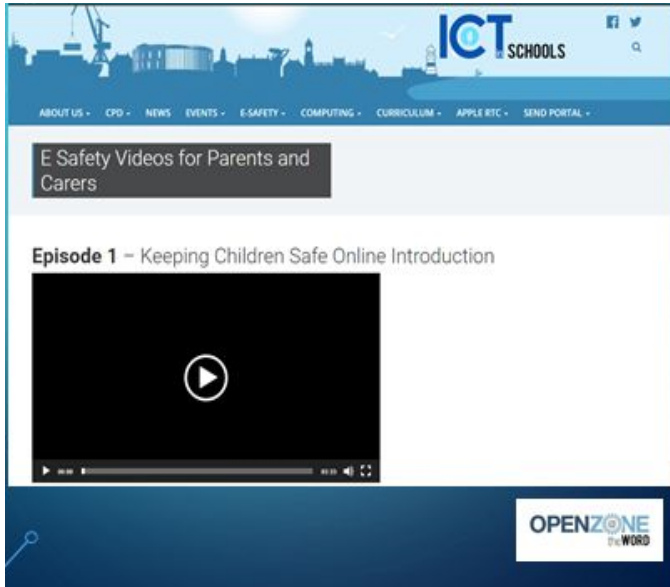


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- [Thinkuknow](#) provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA)
- [Parent info](#) support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations
- [Childnet](#) offers a toolkit to support parents and carers
- [Internet matters](#) provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices
- [London Grid for Learning](#)
- [Net-aware](#) has support for parents and carers from the NSPCC,
- [Let's Talk About It](#) keep children safe from online radicalisation
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has tips, advice, guides and other resources
- [Common Sense Media](#) reviews from parents
- [NSPCC](#)



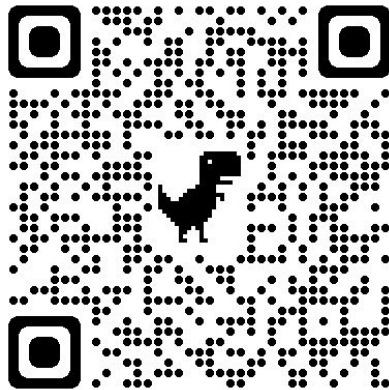
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