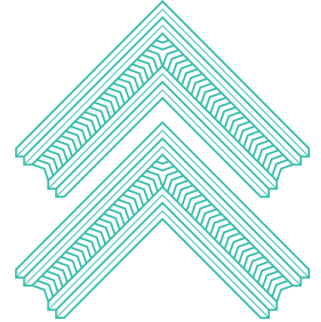


PROTECT YOUR CHILD'S PRIVACY ONLINE

When the kids in your life are online, they might not realise they could be revealing information about who and where they are. Use this checklist to help keep them keep their information safe.

DEVICES

- ✓ Make sure their devices are up to date with the latest software.
- ✓ Turn off location tracking settings.
- ✓ Turn microphones and cameras (including webcams) off.
- ✓ Choose settings that minimise the amount of data the device collects.



ACCOUNT SETTINGS

- ✓ Set social media accounts to private.
- ✓ Adjust account, app and game settings to limit who can see posts and reach out to children online.
- ✓ Switch off personalised feeds.
- ✓ Turn off in-app purchasing functions and be aware of in-app marketing (e.g. hidden advertisements).

PARENTAL CONTROLS

- ✓ Parental control apps can help you check your child's online activity. Then you can teach them about responsible device use and about online risks.
- ✓ Parent control apps can include features that help you to:
 - authorise, decline, and monitor social media, app and gaming installation as well as use and contact requests
 - block harmful content
 - track the location of your child's device
 - set limits on screen time.
- ✓ When you're choosing a parental control app (especially free versions), be aware of what information the app is collecting about you, your child, and the device.

MAKE PRIVACY A FAMILY PRIORITY

- ✓ Create and use strong passwords and turn on multi-factor authentication when it's available.
- ✓ Select internet browsers, email providers, and messaging platforms that offer strong privacy controls, prevent or restrict tracking, and block ads.
- ✓ Use antivirus software if you can.
- ✓ Think before sharing personal information online about the children in your life (including photos and videos) because once it's online it's harder to control how it's used by others.

ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT DIGITAL LITERACY

- ✓ Have open conversations about online safety and the importance of protecting personal information.
- ✓ Teach children about privacy, privacy settings, and the options available to help them protect themselves online.
- ✓ Encourage children to be cautious about the information they share (e.g. think before you tap) and recognise potential threats to their safety and wellbeing.
- ✓ You can use our Young Person's Online Privacy guidance to help your young people start to self-manage their online privacy.