



# Online safety at home

Guidance supporting parents to help their  
children stay safe online at home

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# Check List

## | ★ Talk To Your Children! ★

- What games do they play?
- What interests them online?
- What kind of videos do they watch online?
- Get involved; play their games with them etc.

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

## | Online Dangers And Behaving Correctly

The Be Internet Legends programme is designed to teach your child the skills they need to stay safe and have a positive time online. Your involvement at home can really help reinforce these key messages to help your child become more confident when exploring the online world.

- **Think critically** and evaluate online sources.
- **Protect themselves** from online threats, including bullies and scams.
- **Be sharp about sharing:** what, when, and with whom.
- **Be kind and respectful** towards other people and their privacy.

[www.BeInternetLegends.withgoogle.com](http://www.BeInternetLegends.withgoogle.com)

## | Guides To Games

- YouTube (Not Recommended) / **Youtube Kids** (Highly Recommended)
- TikTok
- Roblox
- Twitch
- Fornite

[www.CommonSenseMedia.org](http://www.CommonSenseMedia.org)

## | Parental Controls

Parental controls work best when used openly and honestly in partnership with your children; not as a stealth spying mode.

# Parental Controls continued



## For Shared iPads (Highly Recommended)

### Guided Access.

Guided Access is an incredible feature on iOS devices. It allows parents to lock children into a single app by disabling the hardware buttons on a device. It prevents them from going through iPhones or iPads unfettered.

Link: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT202612>

## For Personal iPads + Laptops

### Parental Controls (basic)

With Content & Privacy Restrictions in Screen Time, parents can block or limit specific apps and features on children's devices. It also restrict the settings on iPhones, iPads or iPods for explicit content, purchases and downloads, and privacy.

Link: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201304>



## For Shared And/Or Personal Tablets + Laptops

### Google Family Link

Family link is designed to help parents keep track of what a child under the age of 13 is doing on an Android device, ranging from app installation to amount of time spent using any given app or the device overall.

Link: [https://families.google.com/intl/en\\_uk/familylink/](https://families.google.com/intl/en_uk/familylink/)

**N.B. Please make sure that you understand the parental consent section.**

< Parental consent

MORE OPTIONS ▾

#### 🔄 Web & App Activity

Saves your child's activity on Google sites and apps, including searches and associated info like location. Also saves activity from sites, apps and devices that use Google services, including Chrome history. This helps Google provide better search results, suggestions and personalisation across Google services.

Save my child's Web & app activity in their Google Account

Don't save my child's Web & app activity in their Google Account

[Learn more](#)



## Added Protection (Highly recommended)

### Google Chrome Web Filter

#### Tiny Filter

If your child is using a laptop, please consider using only Chrome internet browser. Tiny Filter is an excellent free web content blocker. Unfortunately, it is not available on tablets :(

Link: [www.chrome.google.com/](http://www.chrome.google.com/)

### Child Safe Search

#### Kiddle.co

This search engine functions similarly to Google and presents the same relevant content and resources. The search filter is exceptional.

Link: <https://www.kiddle.co>

### Safety Tools on Social Networks and Other Online Services

Information and advice on the safety tools, age requirements and terms and conditions for a variety of online services popular with young people.

[www.saferinternet.org.uk/safety-tools](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safety-tools)

**Common Sense Media** is a US non-profit organisation that provides independent reviews, age ratings and other information about movies, games, apps, TV shows, websites, books and music for families, educators and children.

[www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org)

**NetAware: NSPCC and 02** have created a guide with information and advice for parents and carers on the most popular social networks and interactive apps and games used by children and young people. The information is also available in an app for Apple and Android devices.

[www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

They also provide an online safety helpline for parents and carers to answer questions and address concerns about a child's online safety: **0808 800 5000**