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INTERNET SAFETY TIPS & CLIPS

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Internet Safety Advice for Parents of Young Children

1. Talk about Internet Safety with your Child
2. Use Parental Controls
3. Disable In-App Purchases
4. Activate Safe Search in your search engine
5. Agree on what to do when things go wrong
6. Set Up a Family Email for signing up to websites and games
7. Play it Safe, Check PEGI rating and check if a game allows for player interaction and if there is a safe chat mode.

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Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

(Ages specified in terms as of 2014)

Twitter
Facebook
Instagram
Pinterest
Google+
Tumblr
Reddit
Snapchat
Secret



Talking Points for Young People about Posting and Sharing Online

1. What is personal information?
2. What types of things are okay to share online?
3. What would you do if someone asked you to do something online that you are not comfortable with?
4. Is it possible to create a fake profile online?
5. Would you share a photo of someone online without their permission?

Young people may not realise the consequences of sharing harmful images of others without permission. Ask your child how they would feel if a photo or video of them was shared without their permission. Discuss the consequences of when sharing goes wrong. Remind your child that once something is shared online they lose control over where it can go.

If you are prepared to walk the talk, let your child know that you would not share photos of them without their permission and you expect them to do the same.

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Video 1: Internet safety advice for parents and modelling good behaviour - Aine Lynch National Parents Council

<https://vimeo.com/191045340>



***Video 2: Talking to your child about online pornography –
Colman Noctor***

<https://vimeo.com/200804644>

<https://vimeo.com/200804489>

Sharing Photos and Videos

A recent survey found that an average parent will post almost 1,000 photos of their child online before he/she turns five. Here are some things for parents to consider before hitting the share button:

- **Edit your life:** Be selective about what you share online. Don't post photos of everything that happens in your life. You can't control the context in which the photos will be seen.
- **Ask yourself will this photo cause my child embarrassment now or in the future?** Everything we post online creates a digital footprint and for young people maintaining a good online reputation is becoming increasingly important. Consider any long-term risks of sharing photos of your child online.
- **Who will see my photos?** Check Your Privacy Settings regularly and ensure you understand who may potentially see your images.
- **Some things will always be public,** eg. Twitter profile photos, Facebook cover pics
- **Is your location service disabled?** Consider this when sharing family photos.
- **Lead by example:** If you want your child to only post photos when they have the consent of the people in them, ask permission before posting photos of them. Likewise, if they ask you to remove a photo that they find embarrassing, take it down. The chances are your child will do the same if they find themselves in a similar situation.

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Every time you post a picture of your child, ask yourself:

Would my child now or in the future be happy for this picture to be displayed on the local notice board????



For More Information

- 'Parents' Guide to a Better Internet' – Webwise
- 'Get With It!' Parents' Guides – Office of Internet Safety
- www.webwise.ie
- www.webwise.ie/parents
- www.watchyourspace.ie
- www.saferinternetday.ie
- www.internetsafety.ie



Any Questions?

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