

ONLINE SAFETY TIPS

The internet is a great resource for finding information and connecting with friends, but it can also be a place where criminals take advantage of your desire to connect with other people. Here are some tips for staying safe online.

- **Do not give away personal information** such as your full name, address, phone number, school, picture, places you like to hang out, or any other identifiable information.
- **Check friends lists** for mutual friends, especially those you know. Do not friend individuals who only have a few friends or do not have pictures. Check pictures carefully to determine if their profile picture looks real. Better yet, only agree to be friends online with people you've actually met in person.
- **Beware of people who promise you things that seem too good to be true** like a modeling job, a trip, or a big prize.
- **Use your webcam** only with people you know and trust.
- **Do not meet** someone you only know from a chat room. If you want to meet someone, get permission from your parent or guardian, meet in a public place, and bring someone with you.
- **Trust your instincts** and block anyone who says or does something that makes you feel uncomfortable. Tell a parent or guardian what happened.
- **Monitor permissions and settings.** Only share your profile with people you know and trust. Disable information sharing across apps. Do not share login information across apps.

For additional online safety tips, visit the following websites:

- [Resources for Parents, Educators & Communities](#)
- [Social Media Safety for Teens](#)
- [Privacy Tips for Teens](#)
- [A Guide to Online Safety During The COVID-19 Outbreak](#)
- [General Tips & Advice](#)



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