

10 Ways to Safeguard Your Child Online



Keeping our children safe online is about being involved and doing the simple things that can go a long way. Here are 10 things you can do to keep your child safe online TODAY!

1. Keep laptops/desktops in public places, not in bedrooms.
2. Keep Internet browsers turned off on mobile devices.
3. Weekly check your child's history on search engines. Take devices away if a child clears his/her history.
4. Use a content filter. Content filters will exclude access to sites based on the parameters you set. Here are several options:
 - K9webprotection.com
 - Netnanny.com
 - AVG Family Safety
 - McAfee Family Protection
 - Norton Online Family Premier
 - Safe Eyes
 - Covenant Eyes
5. Set restrictions on mobile devices.
 - Make sure you're child can't view/purchase EXPLICIT music or videos.
 - All mobile devices have safety controls/restrictions that can be placed on them. Put a parental passcode on the restrictions once you've gone through and set the restrictions you want. That way the child can't undo the restrictions.
6. Know the apps on your child's phone. Commonsensemedia.org reviews all music, books, movies, and APPS! Make sure your child accesses the app store with YOUR password and not their own so that you know what they're looking for and downloading.
7. Be a part of every social network your child is a part of. First review the network to see what parents are saying about it. If it seems OK, join yourself and become your child's friend/follower so you'll see what he/she is posting.
8. Kids love youtube. Youtube has wonderful parental controls that allow you to set parameters on what your child is watching.
9. Set the parental controls on Netflix if your child is using the application.
10. If you choose to keep a search engine on your child's device, under restrictions you can specify the sites you want to allow your child to visit. Without your parental passcode, they can only access the approved sites.