

E-Safety – The hazards and precautions

In today's modern society, internet and technology are the most popular resources, with an average user rate of one-hundred million every single day! Although this is such a fabulous invention, there are plenty of guidelines we need to pay attention to. However, many downfalls can occur. Want to prevent this from happening? Read this quality advice leaflet!



Safe Social Media?

If you happen to be one of the vast majority of technology users, you will find it relatable when I say that social media is extremely popular. Photo and message sites (like Facebook and Twitter) only allow an age tolerance of thirteen plus. They did not make restrictions to aggravate you, it is so they can prevent young children from viewing explicit and mature content. If you feel like you are receiving content under this category, there is guaranteed to be a report centre! Always remember, take care when you share, if in doubt, speak out! When you create a social media account, write your password down so you never

forget it. Not many people know this tip, always make a different password for every site. Maybe even just an extra letter! If someone hacks you on one account, they will try all your social media account with the same password.



Reliable

Restrictions?

Worldwide phenomenon's (especially Facebook and Twitter) require a fair age limit of thirteen. However, this can be descended to a young age of ten with parental supervision. If you have just purchased a new game for your console, make sure you are either over or at the required age limit. Consequently, this ensures you can prevent yourself from watching or playing inappropriate content.



Listen to the S.M.A.R.T code

This fantastic S.M.A.R.T code ensures safety for all children.

S - Safe

Keep safe by being careful to not give out personal information when you're chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

M – Meet

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with parent permission (or carer) and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are strangers. As a result of taking your parent, this prevents kidnapping.

A – Accepting

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, images or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain a virus or harmful messages.

R - Reliable

Not everybody is who they claim to be. Your 'internet friend' Ava who wants to meet you, could potentially be a forty year old serial killer named Ed. If you really

desire to meet them, tell a parent to accompany you. You never know what incident might occur.

T – Tell

We strongly advise you to tell these people: a teacher because they have good education and are very knowledgeable, a parent or carer so they can take care of the situation, or maybe even your best friend, you never know, they might've been in the same situation! Don't feel confident in telling any of our previous suggestion, call Childline at 0800 1111.



Click CEOP

Click CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Prevention) is a report centre for inappropriate content online. If you scroll down to the bottom of a web page (website), a link to the Click CEOP report centre. If you report a picture, they will check it and delete it. How good is that?



Conclusion

Hopefully after reading this fantastic leaflet, you are now as wise as an owl when it comes to internet safety. Always be cautious and remember to have fun!



Happy Clicking!

Glossary

Guidelines – Rules to be aware of.

Invention – Something that is man-made and never seen before at that time.

Resources – Something that can be used and is helpful.

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