

E-Safety: Lessons For Safe Browsing.

The marvellous internet is a phenomenal online creation that one hundred million people use on average every day. From research and browsing to online games, videos and websites to social media, the internet is a great resource. However, hazards lurk beneath careful programming in the virtual world. So read this advice leaflet for a mass of tips and hints on E-safety.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Computerised device applications are a new craze in technology and social media is just one of the applications that are available to download. Instagram, Twitter, Facebook and

Snapchat are just some of the many social media apps out there to take refuge in. Just like every online app, social media apps are extremely dangerous as hackers, scammers, cyberbullies and in the worst case murderers prowl for prey on these websites. Never give out any personal information on social media as it could lead to identity theft and you could be putting yourself in danger.



AGE APPROPRIATE

In 2005 YouTube was created. It brought along many great things like being able to watch a live stream being held in Japan while sitting in your bedroom in England. But some graphic, explicit, unsuitable or inappropriate video content appears online. A miniscule amount of underage viewers try to access these videos so, to prevent this from happening, videos with this type of content are either blocked or

have age restrictions put on them. Determined viewers fake their age to watch these videos, therefore breaking YouTube's terms and conditions. DO NOT do this as you cannot unsee something you have seen.



MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are useful time passers and boredom extinguishers. Used for texting and playing games, there is no doubt why most think them to be the greatest invention of all time. But they are not all that great as there are dangers as far down as the chipboards. The possible dangers are endless as kidnappers and spammers can lurk behind a teddy bear profile image. Arranging to meet online friends without parental consent is dangerous so never do it. Remember, viruses can easily be

embedded into your phone with the click of an anonymous link.



ONLINE GAMING

Online gaming is a joy filled way to socialise on a rainy day with your close friends or people across the globe. Anonymous users can be shielded by innocent profiles so always choose online friends carefully. Always try to be kind to fellow game players but immediately block any abusive gamers.

After reading this advice leaflet I hope your mind is exploding with E-safety knowledge. If you want to learn more about E-safety join in with this year's Safer Internet Day on 7th February 2017. Happy browsing!

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