

Safeguarding at Redhill

Focus—Online Safety

What is Online Safety?

Internet Safety or Online Safety, is the knowledge of maximizing the user's personal safety and security risks on private information and property associated with using the internet, and the self-protection from computer crime in general (which can include identity fraud, theft and even sexual exploitation).

What should I be vigilant for?

- Accessing inappropriate or potentially harmful websites or content
- Accessing or downloading inappropriate images or files
- Change in viewpoints, attitudes or routines based on who they are talking to online

Top 5 Tips for Online Safety:

1. **Prioritise safety**—Teach children not to give out personal information, like their name, address, telephone number, or which school they go to.
2. **Set parental controls**—Agree a list of websites your child is allowed to visit, and remember to check the minimum age limit on services like Facebook and YouTube.
3. **Discuss their activity**—Take an interest in their online world. Talk to them about their favourite websites, videos, and their online friends.
4. **Set boundaries**—Establish time limits for activities such as using the internet and games consoles. Make sure to set aside time for “unplugged” family activity.
5. **Be open**—Let them know that they can tell you about anything that happens on the internet, and that you’ll listen without judgement.

What can I do if I have a concern?

- If you believe a child is at immediate risk dial 999
- Call 101 if you believe that a crime has been committed
- Make a referral to Social Services on 0300 555 0050

Where can I find more information?

www.nspcc.org.uk

www.youngminds.org.uk

www.actionforchildren.org.uk

<https://safeguarding.dudley.gov.uk/safeguarding/changes/dsppb/>



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