



A DIGITAL GUIDE: ONLINE SAFETY - TOP TIPS



PERSONAL DETAILS:

To keep your identity safe, don't share your personal details like:

- Address or phone number
- Full name or date of birth
- The school or college you go to



THINK FIRST - POST AFTER:

Anything you write or post online could be shared, screenshotted or stored for a long time. Often when something is on the internet it's difficult to delete for ever, so think about whether it is something you'd want others to see, now or in the future.



BE WARY OF STRANGERS:

If someone you don't know wants to interact or chat with you, ask why. If they want to take it private, ask yourself why they would need to chat only with you. Public spaces are much safer.



WATCH OUT FOR SCAMS:

Digital crime, fraud and scams are all on the up as people seek to take advantage of others. Only click on links or access sites that you know are genuine. If someone asks for your details, passwords, or asks you to pay for anything - ask why.



WEBCAMS:

Sometimes you can just forget to turn off your webcam, and sometimes some viruses can use it without you knowing. If you do use a webcam, make sure that when you've finished you either cover it, or turn it to face a solid object.



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OTHER USEFUL SITES:

There are plenty of other sites that give information which can help you stay safe online, or to which you can report online abuse or problems. Below are just a few.

CHILDLINE

CHILDLINE.ORG.UK

Offers a wealth of information on a range of topics. Childline also has activities, games and someone to talk to, a good place to search.

THINKUKNOW

THINKUKNOW.CO.UK

A site that's all about online safety, providing key info based on your age and what you use online connection for.

UK SAFER INTERNET CENTRE

SAFERINTERNET.ORG.UK

Games, quizzes, films and advice to help you get the most out of the internet whilst staying safe online.

BULLYING UK

BULLYING.CO.UK

If you're being bullied online then this site has good tips on how to recognise cyberbullying and where to report it.



You can always talk in person to an adult that you trust about online issues.

If you would prefer to talk to someone confidentially, head on over to The Mix: themix.org.uk/