

8 Tips for Safe Gaming

Online gaming is a great way to have fun and connect with friends. By making smart choices, you can enjoy your games while protecting yourself.



Start a family conversation:

- Who could you ask for help if something happened while you were gaming?
- What information should you never share with other players?
- What family rules could help make online gaming safer and more fun for everyone?

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**Think Safe.
Share Safe.
Stay Safe Together.**

1

Protect your privacy

Make a username that doesn't include your real name. Use an avatar instead of a real photo.



2

Keep personal information private

Never share your age, address, phone number, passwords, school, or live location while gaming.



3

Only chat with people you trust

Not everyone online is who they say they are. If you don't know them, don't chat.



4

Be careful with links and downloads

Some links are dangerous: only download games, updates, and add-ons from trusted device applications.



5

Use privacy and safety settings

Change your settings to control who can contact you, see your profile, or send you friend requests.



6

Play your age

Choose games that are rated age appropriate.



7

Be kind and report bad behaviour

Be caring to others. Block and report players who are rude or make you uncomfortable.



8

Take breaks and have fun offline, too

Make time for friends, family, hobbies, exercise, and sleep to keep a healthy balance.



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