

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

AGE APPROPRIATE CONTENT - USING PARENTAL CONTROLS TO MANAGE CONTENT

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There are thousands of websites, apps, images and videos online. Through search engines, these are at our finger tips. However, managing what is appropriate for children can be difficult.

Without taking appropriate steps, search engines will display all kinds of content, including material that isn't appropriate for children.

It is important to make use of features such as safe-search and ensuring that children sign up for accounts with the correct age to manage the content they are seeing.



PARENTAL CONTROLS

Parental controls help keep children safe online by managing their device use and filtering inappropriate content. They can restrict screen time, block harmful sites, disable features like in-app purchases, and monitor online activity. Controls exist at network, device, and app levels.

When using parental controls to manage the content they view, it is important to have a conversation with your child and explain why. As your child becomes more tech-savvy and get older, you can then reduce the level of control you have through the parental controls.

ACTIVITY AT HOME

Work with your child to create a Family Online Agreement. This could be a poster, checklist, or contract where you both agree on:

- What types of websites or apps are okay
- Time limits for using devices
- Rules for downloading games or making purchases
- Steps they can take if they see something upsetting online

