



Online Safety for Schools (Years 7–8)



What's Covered in 2025 and Beyond



Understand Devices

- Smartphones, Oculus, Horizon World, 18+ Games, VR & AI
- Social media is powerful — Think before you Like, Post, Share, or Send.

Key Concepts

- Digital Permanence, Screen Time, Stranger Danger
- Your Digital Tattoo lasts forever — build a positive one
- Be kind online — 'It's only banter' doesn't mean it's okay — there are consequences.
- Sexism, objectification, and bullying hurt — online and offline.
- Respect protected characteristics — it's the law.
- Technology vulnerabilities (GPS, servers, depersonalisation)
- Together for a Better Internet — 'Your Internet, Your Choice'


Risks & Realities

- Private chats and DMs can become toxic fast.
- Misogyny, InCel Culture, Online Pornography
- Understand the emotional impact of online actions.
- Challenge harmful stereotypes and promote kindness.

Tips

- Don't talk to strangers or accept unknown friend requests.
- Only play online games with true friends you know in real life.
- Set boundaries, take breaks, and include others.
- Use block and report tools when needed.
- Tell a trusted adult if something makes you uncomfortable.
- Real friends won't pressure you to do or share things online.
- Always ask permission — and get parents involved.



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