

Keeping Kids Safe Online — Tips for Parents

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Online Safety Starts With Ordinary Parenting

Establish expectations for their behavior.
Establish expectations for their online activities.

Know their friends.
Know their online friends.

Know where they hangout.
Know where they hangout online.

Praise good behavior.
Punish and correct negative behavior.



Like adults, children need to protect their accounts for their own privacy. Parents should have access; hackers should not. Use good passwords and two-factor authentication. Always.

Online hangouts and what to watch for

Everywhere: Private Messages

Facebook — Secret Groups

YouTube — Violent Videos,
How To Videos on Drug Use

Twitter — Bullying and Subtweeting

Snapchat — Alternate Stories,
My Eyes Only, Drunken Party Snaps

Periscope — Drug use, creepy comments

YouNow, Kik — almost nothing good

**Grandma is
watching**

Videos and pictures can always, always be saved and shared. Pretend grandma is always watching, because someone might send it to her.

Also, remind kids that saving and sharing “revenge” photos might be illegal and can send them to jail.

Have
an
open
mic
policy
any
question
is
ok
to
ask

Parental Controls

iPhone: “Screen Time”
and “Find My Friends”

Android: “Google Family
Link” or TrendMicro

Things Parental Controls Can Do

- Limit Access to Apps and Block Purchases
 - Track Location
- Block (only) the Worst of the Worst Porn Sites

More Practical Tips

Use parental controls on the router. (eg. OpenDNS)

- Have your own social media accounts and be their “friend” online. (But remember: they can choose which friends see what.)
- Remember the phone can be a live camera into the bedroom. If in doubt, keep it out.
- Worst case scenario for major issues: turn off cell data and lock it with parental controls, and setup WiFi limits on the router.