

## Click Clever, Click Safe.

The internet opens up a world of entertainment, opportunity and knowledge. To help your child to enjoy it all safely, the UK Council for Child Internet Safety has developed the Click Clever, Click Safe code.

### **ZIP IT**



Ensure your child knows not to give out information about themselves on the internet as people may not be who they say they are. Private information includes:

- their full name
- photographs
- postal or email address
- school information
- mobile or home telephone number
- details of places they like to spend

You can help keep your child's information safe by setting privacy settings. This can restrict access to personal information and photos on things like social networking sites. Encourage your child to use a nickname not their real name in chat rooms or on instant messaging services.

To stop people accessing your child's online accounts, encourage them to keep their passwords secret, and to change them regularly.

Make sure your child knows that they shouldn't arrange to meet people that they have only met online. Even if they have been chatting with someone for a while, that person is still a stranger.

### **BLOCK IT**



Get your child to block people who send offensive messages and tell them not to open unknown links and attachments. They should delete any suspicious emails or attachments as they may contain something offensive or have a virus that can cause damage to the computer.

One of the main ways children can come across inappropriate content online is through search results. Most search engines include a 'safe search' option that excludes results containing inappropriate images or key words.

You can also install parental control software to filter out harmful and inappropriate content for computers and some mobile phones and games consoles.

### **FLAG IT**



The final rule is that your child should come to you or a trusted adult if they are worried or unhappy about anything they see online. They should also do this if a friend they have made online has asked to meet them in the offline world.

If your child does experience inappropriate content online, report it to the website it appears on.

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