

KEEP SMART ONLINE



Have you ever got too close to someone you didn't know online, behaved differently from how you would in real life, or sent something personal, via text or email which has become public?

There are a number of ways you can get into difficulty online. This guide, written by Childnet, will help you to KEEP SMART and use the internet positively.

KEEP IT ONLINE

Keep online contact with strangers online by withholding personal contact details like your mobile number, home address, or anything which gives away your location.

If someone has made you feel uncomfortable online make sure you save the conversation and show an adult. You can call ChildLine in confidence on 0800 11 11.

KEEP IT LEGAL

Be aware of the legal consequences of your online activities. Illegal activities include downloading copyrighted music or film and harassing others online. You are not anonymous online and things can get traced back to you. The youngest person to be sued for downloading music was 12 years old!

KEEP IN MIND...

Not everyone you meet or everything you see online is reliable.

Remember that online contacts are still strangers, no matter how long you have been talking to them or how friendly they are.

Remember anyone can put or say anything on the internet. Make sure you check it before you believe it.

KEEP IN CONTROL



Adults who go online to chat to young people and arrange to meet up in order to have sex are breaking the law. If you have met someone online and conversations with that person are making you feel uncomfortable tell an adult you trust or you can report it to the police at www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com. All reports are taken seriously and a police officer will contact you to help sort the problem out.

RESOURCES TO HELP:



www.websafecrackerz.com Helping teens have fun and stay safe online.

www.msn.co.uk Resources for young people, teachers, parents and carers.

KEEP SMART ON YOUR MOBILE



Using your mobile to text, chat, send pics & video messages is great fun, but you need to be careful.

This guide, written by Childnet, will remind you to KEEP SMART and help you and your mates use mobiles positively.

KEEP IT SAFE

Don't give out your mobile number to people you don't know, especially in Instant Messenger or chatrooms.

- ★ Keep your security code or PIN number private.
- ★ Find out the serial number of your phone (imei) by typing *#06# and keep this 15 digit number safe.
- ★ If you lose your phone: ring 08701 123 123 to get it blocked.
- ★ Keep your mobile hidden when you're on the street.

KEEP IN CONTROL

- ★ If you start getting texts that upset or annoy you, don't reply.
- ★ Keep a record and report the texts to an adult or your network operator. In serious cases an adult can help you report it to the police.
- ★ You are in control of what you receive by text.

KEEP IT LEGAL

If you receive a rude or embarrassing image or text about someone don't pass it on.

Distributing sexual pictures of other young people by mobile phone is harassment and could be illegal. If you receive something like this, do not forward it, and tell an adult immediately.

KEEP YOUR MATES SAFE

Think before you send a picture or video from your phone and always ask your friend's permission before taking a picture of them. Once you have sent a picture from your phone you have lost control of it.

Respect the privacy of your friends; don't give out their numbers without their permission.

RESOURCES TO HELP:

Childnet has produced a number of websites to help you:



www.chatdanger.com for more info on staying safe in chatrooms, online games, Instant Messenger and on mobiles.



www.kidsmart.org.uk for leaflets, advice, and interactive games.