

Don't get played online



A lot of your life happens through a screen, whether **gaming, learning, shopping or chatting**. But every click leaves a trail, and not everyone out there follows the same rules.

Here's how to stay safe while you're connected.



When you're gaming

- Protect your account with strong, unique passwords – no pet names or “1234.”
- Think before you share, don't drop your real name, location, or school in chats.
- Watch out for scams. Free skins, mods, or “gifted” currency are usually bait.
- Report toxic players. Harassment isn't part of the game.

When you're shopping

- Stick to trusted sites and double-check URLs before paying.
- Don't overshare, stores don't need your birthday or full address unless it's for delivery.
- Use secure payment options such as Paypal or ApplePay where possible.



When you're on social media

- Lock your privacy settings and decide who actually sees your posts.
- Think twice before posting. Once it's out there, it's out there.
- Ignore the pressure, likes and follows aren't proof of anything real.

Not everything you see is real

- If someone's story or DM feels off, trust your gut.
- If something shocking or odd pops up, find where it really came from.
- Sharing fake stuff gives it power, even if you mean it as a joke.
- If someone uses your image or voice in a fake video, tell an adult and report it fast.

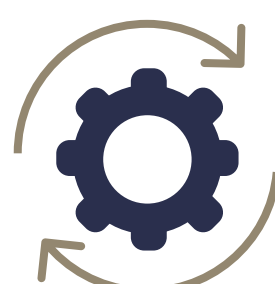


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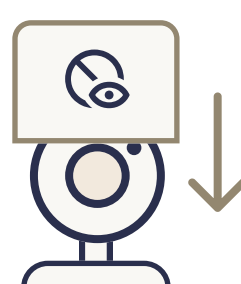
Tell someone if you get hacked or harassed – silence helps no one

Keep your software updated



Use two-factor authentication everywhere

Cover your webcam when not in use



Being online shouldn't mean being exposed. Protect your data, your accounts, and your reputation, because your digital life matters as much as your real one.

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