Is your child safe online?

Talking to young people about what they do online is just as important as asking them where they go when they go out with friends.

It can be difficult to start the conversation with a young person about their online activities. Technology keeps changing and you might struggle to keep up with it all. But you don't need to. You just need to take an interest and ask questions about the games and apps they are using.

Whether they're going out or going online...

Who are you playing with?

Has anything made you feel uncomfortable?

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How do you know they are who they say they are?

Has anything made you feel uncomfortable?

What do you talk about?

Has anything made you feel uncomfortable?

Ask questions

Ask your child what they are doing online and if you can take part, or ask to play their favourite game with them. If they see that you are taking a genuine interest they will be more willing to want to talk to you about what they're doing online.

Honest conversations

Encourage conversations about not keeping secrets. People online might ask your child to keep their conversation a secret. Talk about what secrets mean in your house.

Buying a device

If you are thinking about getting your child a new device, that"s the perfect opportunity to start a conversation. Ask them what they are going to use it for. What are they looking forward to doing?

Reporting a concern

Make sure they know that if they see something online that makes them feel uncomfortable that they can always come to you and they won't get into trouble.
If you are concerned about something that has happened to your child online, you can make a report via the CEOP website: www.thinkyouknow.co.uk

If you are concerned that your child is in immediate danger, call 999.

www.westyorkshire.police.uk/conversation