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What is Online Safety?

Being safe online means that you have the knowledge to identify the potential risks and are careful while browsing, sharing or surfing the internet. By teaching internet safety, you are not only helping children be vigilant about their own safety, but also helping them become better users of the internet.

Why is it Important?

Our guide to online safety is a good place to start when teaching your students digital literacy unlimited access to the internet on their phones and at home, and it is important that they are in safe environments safely. Opening up a dialogue about safe practices and coping strategies with your students towards developing digital literacy skills.

What are the risks?

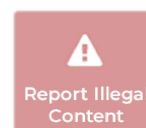
Safe Web Surfing: Top Tips for Kids and Teens Online



There are a number of great resources and videos around internet safety from a huge range of sources created by Wellcast. Webwise has created a number of lessons on the topic of online safety, for all levels, you can find these in the [resource section](#) of our website. These are great to use in the classroom to develop good online practices with your students. Some of the topics that you can cover with them are:

- Cyber-bullying
- Sexting
- Age-appropriate content
- Photo sharing and permission
- Online extortion
- Online exploitation
- Plagiarism and copyright
- Virus protection

What else do I need to know?



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Children and teens can also keep themselves safe by limiting the amount of personal information they put online. This means that students need to be mindful of their digital footprint and their online reputation. Everything that is put online, often stays online indefinitely. You can use our [critical thinking](#) resources to help students question their own actions online and become more aware of how to use the internet responsibly.

Webwise has created a number of campaigns on these topics, there are also a number of easy resources given to students:

- Managing your Online Reputation Guide [Managing your Online Reputation](#)
- Checklist on Sharing Information Online SHARE [Share Checklist](#)
- Social Media in Class [Download Checklist](#)
- Share or Delete Guide [Share or delete checklist](#)
- Guide to Social Networking [Download Guide to Social Networking](#)
- Cyber-bullying Guide [Download Guide to Cyberbullying](#)

Each year, Webwise promotes Safer Internet Day, and get schools from all over Ireland participating in internet safety, cyber-bullying and more. To sign up for [FREE Safer Internet Day wristbands](#), get your school involved and help build online safety skills with your students.



Quick Guide to Online Safety



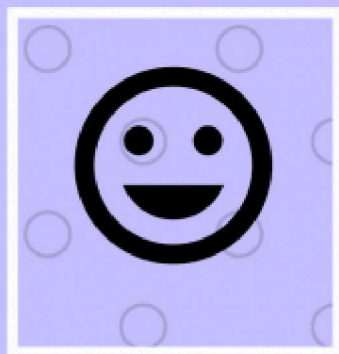
Know the risks online. Talk to your teacher or parent about: Cyber-Bullying, Online Extortion and Exploitation etc.



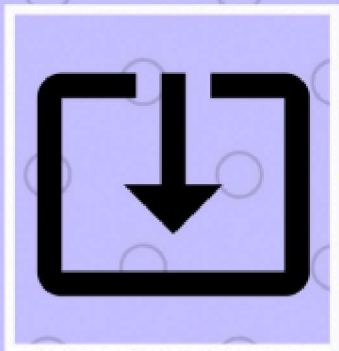
Keep your personal information safe. Do not share your full name, location or other details with people you meet online. Don't share your password with anyone.

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 Helplines



Be kind online. Treat others the way you would like to be treated. If you see negative comments, don't react- **report!** Block bullies from your account.



Don't download unknown files. They could contain viruses Do not accept IMs, emails or invites from people you do not know.

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