

Queensland Child Online Safety Guide

Purpose: To provide Queensland parents and guardians with a clear, practical system to reduce the risk of online grooming, exploitation, and unsafe digital interactions.

1. Foundational Principles

- Supervision beats surveillance.
- Education before restriction.
- Calm conversations create disclosure.

2. Age-Based Digital Guidelines (0–7)

- No unsupervised online gaming.
- No private messaging platforms.
- Devices used only in common areas.
- No sharing of personal identifiers.

3. Age-Based Digital Guidelines (8–12)

- Parent-approved game list.
- Voice chat disabled unless known friends.
- Friends list reviewed monthly.
- Clear rule: no moving chats off platform.

4. Age-Based Digital Guidelines (13–17)

- Digital responsibility agreement.
- Regular privacy setting reviews.
- No secret secondary accounts.
- Weekly digital check-in conversation.

5. Grooming Warning Signs

- Requests for secrecy.
- Moving chats to another platform.
- Gift offers or excessive flattery.
- Requests for images.
- Questions about school schedule.

6. Reporting Pathways

- Immediate danger: Call 000.
- Report exploitation to the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE).
- Contact Queensland Police Service (QPS).
- Report online abuse to the eSafety Commissioner.

7. Household Digital Rules Template

- Devices charge overnight in shared area.
- No locked bedrooms with active devices.
- Parents aware of passwords (age appropriate).
- No deleting chat history without discussion.