

Digital safety at a glance

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Guidance for parents of 8-10-year-olds

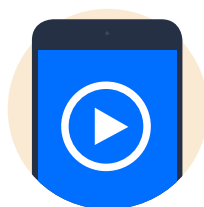
Use this quick tips guide to stay on top of your child's online safety needs.

Tech use, issues and tips

Learn about common experiences at this age and what you can do to keep your child safe online as they grow.



62%
watch videos
online



54%
watch
TV



81%
play video
games



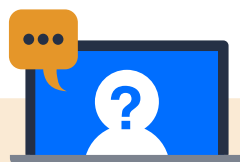
Too much screen time

Too much screen time is the online harm most experienced at this age, increasing as children grow; **74% of parents worry about this.**

Source: Internet Matters tracker survey

Set time limits for devices but also help kids experience a range of activities to create and learn to support their wellbeing.

Get support handling screen time ▶



Being contacted by strangers

Children say that being contacted by strangers is the second-most common experience they face online. **73% of parents worry about this.**

Source: Internet Matters tracker survey

Review communication settings on their favourite apps and platforms to limit who can contact them or add them as friends.

Find a guide to review settings ▶



Getting bullied online

Many 8-10s report being bullied by people they know and don't know online. **76% of parents worry about this happening to their child.**

Source: Internet Matters tracker survey

Talk to your child about the tools they can use on platforms like blocking and reporting, and encourage them to tell you if it happens.

Learn how to handle cyberbullying ▶

Practical tips to keep 8-10s safe online

Set parental controls on popular apps



1. Set up YouTube Kids for under-13s
2. Use timers to manage screen time
3. Turn off watch history to limit suggested videos

[Go to YouTube parental controls guide ▶](#)



1. Create a Kids Profile so they have access to age appropriate content
2. Customise their profile's maturity rating
3. Turn off autoplay on series to help manage screen time.

[Go to Netflix parental controls guide ▶](#)



1. Create a child's profile
2. Set a parental controls PIN
3. Customise maturity level of content your child can watch

[Go to Disney+ parental controls guide ▶](#)

Are they gaming with others online?



[Limit who can contact them in-game ▶](#)

[Talk about internet manners ▶](#)



Get personalised advice straight to your inbox

Want support to stay on top of your kids' digital lives? Together, we've got this, with our free personalised family digital toolkit. By completing the form you'll get:

- Age-specific checklists and guides
- Safety information on the latest apps and platforms
- Resources to tackle online concerns by age
- Interactive tools to encourage discussions on key topics

Scan the QR code or go to internetmatters.org/toolkit



Make online safety a part of their everyday

Conversations to have

Talk about:

- What they're watching; what do they like about it?
- What apps/games they like; what would they like to try?
- How being online makes them feel; what signs tell them they need a break?

[See more conversation starters ▶](#)

Tools to explore together

Build digital skills and play together with:

- The Online Together Project: an interactive quiz with discussion points to challenge stereotypes and hate online.
- Find the Fake: a series of quizzes to help teach children how to recognise and tackle misinformation online.
- Digital Matters: complete the interactive stories with your child to help them learn key online safety skills.

[Explore age-specific guides ▶](#)