

# How to keep your child safe online

53% of 3-4 year olds now use a mobile device to access the internet for nearly 8 hours per week

Dear Parent,

Jersey's Government departments including the Digital Policy team and Children, Young People, Education and Skills are working together to ensure that Jersey remains a safe place to live our lives and do business online.

Much of this work must start in the home with you, but we recognise that this can be a daunting task, especially when the so called 'expertise' lies in the hands of our children who have been born into a world of digital technologies.

## Useful links

The links below will support you, as a parent, to maintain a safe online environment in your home.

### [parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides](http://parentzone.org.uk/advice/parent-guides)

This page looks at parental and privacy controls for many commonly used apps and online tools and how easy it is for children to access the services.

### [childnet.com/parents-and-carers/need-help](http://childnet.com/parents-and-carers/need-help)

This page guides you through the process of reporting concerns or risks.

### [childnet.com/resources/how-to-restrict-in-app-purchases-1](http://childnet.com/resources/how-to-restrict-in-app-purchases-1)

This page helps you understand how to restrict in-app purchases.

### [commonsensemedia.org/](http://commonsensemedia.org/)

This website has the largest, most trusted library of independent age-based and educational ratings and reviews for movies, games, apps, TV shows, websites, books, and music.

### [bbc.com/ownit](http://bbc.com/ownit)

This BBC page is aimed at 9-12 year olds – useful for parents to share with children.

### [nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety](http://nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety)

The NSPCC gives advice and practical help about keeping children safe online.

### [blog.google/technology/families/helping-parents-have-tech-talk-their-kids](http://blog.google/technology/families/helping-parents-have-tech-talk-their-kids)

Google Tips for parent conversations at home.

### [childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk)

Be aware of "Cyber Bullying" - Childline offer plenty of advice and support.



Have **ongoing conversations** with your children about staying safe online. It is important they know and feel that they can speak to you if they are unsure of anything they come across online



Use **safety tools** on social networks and other online services



Use **parental controls** on your home internet and devices



Ensure that **age restrictions** on websites and games are adhered to



Try to ensure that your child isn't using the internet **unsupervised**

