Stay Safe Team

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How to Report and Block when Online

Helping children stay safe, kind & confident online.



As young people spend time online playing games, chatting with friends and using social media, most of them will have positive experiences, but sometimes they could encounter behaviour or content that is worrying or upseting.



What types of content can be reported and blocked?

- Mean or hurtful messages.
- Inappropriate content
- Strangers trying to contact them.
- Bullying or unwanted attention.
- People who behave aggressivley.
- Accounts which appear fake.
- Other players trying to scam them or hacking in a game.
- Anything which makes them feel uncomfortable.

Showing your child how to report and block people who behave in this way is an important skill which will help them stay safe. .

Why does reporting and blocking matter?

- Reporting helps platforms take action and keeps others safe too.
- Blocking is quick, effective and stops further contact immediatly.

How can parents help?

- Check privacy and safety settings
- Talk regularly, letting them know they will not get into trouble for speaking to you.
- Find the report and block buttons together and practice using them
- Use parental controls to filter content, monitor activity and restrict who can contact your child

Encourage confidence by:

- Reassuring them its ok to report and block, its there to help.
- Reminding them not to reply to hurtful messages.
- Asking them to talk to a trusted adult.

Remind children not to share private information online and model healthy digital behaviours yourself.

Where to go for support

internet matters.org

https://www.internetmatters.org/report-issue/

Social Media

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Contact for info: SSP@lincolnshire.gov.uk https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/staysafepartnership