

9 Q&As To Get Your Kids Talking About Online Safety

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DO YOU THINK YOU HAVE SOMETHING VALUABLE TO STEAL?

- YES! More than 1 million children become victims of identity theft or fraud each year
- A child's ID is more valuable as a 'blank slate' that stays under the radar for opening fraudulent accounts

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WHAT ARE THE CHANCES YOU'LL GET HACKED?

Cyber crime is growing crazy fast making cyber crooks very motivated to steal and making chances of being hacked very high. If cyber crime were treated as a world economy - it'd rank #3 right behind the U.S. and China!¹ 🤖

Remember, kids share the same WiFi as the rest of the family. If you download something iffy thinking it's no biggie, you put the whole family at risk.

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DO YOU CONNECT WITH STRANGERS ONLINE?

You might be, even if it looks like your friend or fav YouTuber. Talking to a friend in person isn't the same as online - they may have been hacked.

Pause before connecting; ensure the request is genuinely from your friend. For popular accounts, watch out for fake accounts imitating your fav Creators.

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HAVE YOU EVER GOTTEN SCAM MESSAGES?

Scams for kids can look like free game tokens, v-bucks, free skins, and so on. If you're promised something for free just by signing up or clicking a link, don't - it's a scam. If you're not sure, talk it through with an adult.

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DO YOU CHAT WITH OTHERS WHILE GAMING?

Many apps have chat built into them - even Roblox and other popular games for younger kids.

A good rule of thumb for younger kids is to only chat with friends you know in real life. For older teens, keep a wary eye out when connecting with new players.

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DO YOU KNOW GAMERS WHO USE CHEATS? IS THAT HACKING?

Sometimes cheats can come with unwanted extras, like viruses that can steal your info or identity.

If the cheat provides a gamer with something that should normally be paid for, then it is unethical and possibly illegal.

The Tough Questions

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DO YOU KNOW ANY KIDS WHO'VE HACKED OTHERS?

Some kids hack for fun, curiosity, ego, money, boredom, or simply seeing how far they can go.

Hacking is illegal and the impact of getting caught or the harm caused to others can be a life-changing moment.

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DO YOU KNOW KIDS WHO HAVE SENT INAPPROPRIATE PICS OF THEMSELVES OR OTHERS?

Sending OR receiving inappropriate pics of Minors is illegal and is considered child pornography.

Never feel pressured to 'owe' anyone a return image or video. If you receive a sexual message, pic, or video delete it and do not forward it. ²

² innocentlivesfoundation.org/resources

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IF YOU THINK YOU ARE BEING HACKED OR SCAMMED SHOULD YOU REPORT IT? AND TO WHO?

If you suspect you're being hacked or scammed, notify your parents/guardians or teacher as soon as possible.

Once a cyber criminal has access to your device, it becomes easier for them to also hack into your home, school, or even your parent's work computer.

It's A Family Affair

Make the commitment to all work together to keep yourselves and your loved ones safe online.

Family Tech Agreement

Learn more on how to be safe as a family online at wizer-training.com/family-security-awareness