1 Britannica's e-Safety Tips for Students!

Do's

Do think before you post

Before you post a comment, image or video on the internet, think about its content. It might be funny to you and your friends but upsetting or offensive to others.

Do tell an adult and report it

You can always report something upsetting. If you see a post, website, image or video that upsets you or makes you uncomfortable, the most responsible thing you can do is to tell an adult.

Do about privacy control

No matter what you use the internet for, always investigate privacy settings. Make sure you never display your date of birth, address, phone number or any other personal information.

Do consider blocking

Most sites will have a block function, so you can ignore someone who is behaving inappropriately or is upsetting you.

Do protect your computer

Check with your parents/guardian that your computer has anti-virus software and that it's up-to-date.

Do be careful with your mobile

Your mobile phone is just like a portable computer, so you need to apply the same "do's and don'ts". Make sure it's got a PIN and don't reply to texts if you don't know who they are from.

Do surf the net safely

You can avoid appropriate content or unsafe sites by ensuring "safe searches" are switched on and sticking to trusted sites. If you do see something inappropriate, let an adult know.

Do learn together

You probably know more about the technology you are using than other adults and potentially, your peers. Keep them up-to-speed with how the technology works so you can enjoy the web together!

Don't's

Don't be a victim of online bullying

Just because someone is behind a computer screen, this doesn't make jokes, teasing or taunts at someone else's expense any less upsetting. If you feel you are being bullied, report it to the site's administrator and tell an adult at once.

Don't download the unknown

Do not open unknown attachments or downloads from emails or websites as they may contain viruses.

Don't arrange to meet online "friends"

There are no exceptions to this rule. People you meet online may not be who they say they are and could even be an adult pretending to be a child. Tell an adult immediately if this happens.

Don't say "yes"

If you are being pressured by an online contact to do something you are not comfortable with, no matter how friendly, persuasive or even threatening they may be, always say "no" and tell an adult. Stay safe when talking to online friends. Never be persuaded to send personal things like photos or videos, or personal information.

Don't be afraid

If something does go wrong, don't worry! Everyone makes mistakes. If you have seen something upsetting or worried you may have made a mistake, the best thing that you can do is to tell an adult and they can help to put it right.

