

# iPad eSafety Top Tips

The technological revolution that we are currently living in allows access to some of the most powerful communication, collaboration and research tools. With all of this technological change, there are undoubtedly some risks. Here are some top tips to encourage positive behavior in your children when using technology:



## Social Networking

1. **Check for privacy and security** – Make sure that you check, and encourage your child to check privacy and security settings. Who do you want to see their online profiles?
2. **Don't add strangers** – Encourage your children to only add people that they actually know and not just because their friends know them.
3. **Be an online friend** – request that you or a close relative be a online friend to help and support their online life.



## Instant Messaging

1. **Permission** – Advise your child to get permission from friends or family before taking and then sending pictures.
2. **Dangerous Selfies** – Be sure to talk to your children about the kind of images that they may send to each other. Innocent pictures can end up in the hands potential abusers.
3. **Cyber-bullying** – Talk to your child about the messages that they send and receive. Encourage them to only send the kind of messages that they would like to receive.



## Video Sharing

1. **Know what they are watching** – Most sites prohibit pornography and gratuitous violence, but be careful as there may still be videos that are inappropriate for children.
2. **It's out there forever** – Encourage your children to only share appropriate content. Once it's out there, it can be copied, shared and manipulated.
3. **What are they showing the world?** – Encourage your children to avoid sharing videos that show places they are associated with. This could be home, school or clubs.



## Home Security

1. **Parental controls** - You can set parental controls through your Internet service provider. This will help keep your children safe from inappropriate websites.
2. **Know what connects to the Internet and how** – Children can connect to the internet using various devices, including the television. Be aware of which devices you can control and talk about those that you can't.
3. **Be involved** – Keep interested in your child's online life so they can be aware that what they do online can affect their offline life too.

### What if something happens?

Should children be exposed to inappropriate content, experience or witness cyber-bullying, or suspect online abuse, there is always something that can be done.

- Any evidence should be kept and saved
- Issues should be reported to school and if necessary the police
- By clicking on the CEOP Report button, all concerns will be followed up.

