

Useful websites for safe and productive use of the internet

E-Safety Websites

Safer Internet Centre



Advice and resources for parents from setting up parental controls offered by your internet provider to parental guides to new technology.

Think U Know



Think U Know is an important website aimed at children and their parents/carers to educate all concerned about the potential dangers and risks that currently exist on the internet. It is an important that parents and carers are aware of exactly what their children have posted on-line, what security risks there are and also what site their children are visiting. Please click on the link above and spend some time watching browsing the resources.

ConnectSafely



ConnectSafely is a non -profit organisation dedicated to educating users of connected technology about safety, privacy and security. Here you will find research-based safety tips, parents' guidebooks, advice, news and commentary on all aspects of technical use and policy.

Whether it is social media, mobile technology or the 'Internet of Things,' connected technologies bring us enormous advantages, along with some challenges. ConnectSafely's job is to help users get the most from their technology while managing the risks and help decision makers craft sensible policies that encourage both innovation and responsible use.

CEOP





The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) works with child protection partners across the UK and overseas to identify the main threats to children and coordinates activity against these threats to bring offenders to account. CEOP protects children from harm online and offline, both directly and in partnership with local and international agencies.” CEOP also have browser addons which allow quick easy access to advice on a variety of issues as well as a [Facebook app](#)

Internet Watch Foundation



The Internet Watch Foundation has the power to shut down sites which are offensive or show obscene content on the internet. The Foundation minimises the availability of potentially criminal internet content specifically by focusing on:

- Child sexual abuse content hosted anywhere in the world.
- Criminally obscene adult content hosted in the UK.
- Non-photographic child sexual abuse images hosted in the UK

File Sharing and Downloading

[Young People, Music and the Internet](#)

A leaflet developed with the music industry.

[Pro Music](#)

A list of legal sites to download music.

Support Websites

Childline



ChildLine offers help and advice to children who are worried, concerned or at risk in any way. ChildLine is a private and confidential service for people up to the age of 19. You can contact a ChildLine counsellor about anything, no problem is too big or too small.

KidScape





Our mission is to ensure children live in a safe and nurturing environment. By providing training, support and advice to children, parents, schools and those in professional contact with young people, we enable them to gain knowledge and develop the confidence and skills to challenge abuse and bullying in all its forms.

Mind



Mind provides advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem. We campaign to improve services, raise awareness and promote understanding.

FRANK



FRANK helps you to find out everything you want to know about drugs. For friendly, confidential advice, Talk to FRANK.

Childnet International



Childnet International is a non-profit organisation working with others to help make the internet a great and safe place for children.

They also have an excellent section on copyright and they aim to keep parents well-informed about how digital content can be enjoyed safely and legally online or via a mobile device.

Security Settings for Broadband

Talk Talk



Talk Talk's Internet security service is called HomeSafe. Built into the broadband network itself, HomeSafe is designed to help you block every device in your home from websites you've defined as unsuitable for your home. Parents also have the option to control the after school homework routine specifically. It's been developed in partnership with their panel of parents and online safety experts.

[A guide to setting up HomeSafe](#) is available as are [videos](#) for this service.

Virgin Media



Parental Controls are part of Virgin Media Security and are available for free to all Virgin Media broadband customers. With Virgin Media Security's Parental Control you can:

- Screen out offensive material
- Filter sites by pre-defined age categories
- Add exceptions or block specific sites
- Control access to specific content types like chat or social networking
- Set an access-schedule for individual users
- See a history of sites viewed, including those that were blocked

[Further information on this service](#) and a guide on how to set up parental controls is available.

Plusnet



Plusnet offer Plusnet Protect Internet security. With this service, either offered free or for a small charge dependent on your Broadband package, parents and carers are able to set safe boundaries for children with parental controls.

[Advice on how to set these controls](#) is available.

Sky



Sky offer McAfee Internet Security suit, available free or for a small monthly charge dependent on your Broadband package. Parental Controls are included in this package, however all Sky Broadband customers can get McAfee Parental Controls on their own as a separate download, free and for up to three PCs.

McAfee's Parental Controls help control when your children can be online, monitor/control what websites they can visit, and keep an eye on their online activities.

Further information on [Sky's security packages](#) and a free download of the McAfee Parental Controls is available.

Below are some great websites to help students and parents get the most out of your technology, use the internet responsibly and to keep you and those you care about safe on the internet.