

Internet Safety - Facebook

Although the internet is a fantastic resource and a big part of our everyday lives there are some downsides to be aware of to stay safe. The dangers are real so it's very important to understand the risks and take them on board. Then you can be sure whenever you use your computer, mobile phone or any other online gizmo or gadget, you are doing so responsibly and safely.

Facebook – what is it?

Facebook is a social networking website with more than 500 million active users and anyone who declares themselves to be aged thirteen or above can join. Members can create profiles of themselves, upload photos and albums, list interests, contact details and other personal information. They can also invite people to be friends, communicate through private or public messages or a chat feature and create and join interest groups (e.g. music) and networks (e.g. school, college or church).

FACT

Use Facebook's privacy settings to ensure personal details are kept private, particularly photos that once uploaded may be viewed by anyone, shared and difficult to remove and know how to report any concerns whilst online e.g. 'Click CEOP Internet Safety' button.

Concerns about Facebook include cyber-bullying, distribution of illegal content, invasion of privacy, identity theft, a child seeing offensive images and messages and the presence of strangers who may be online in order to 'groom', and ultimately abuse, children.

If you have any concerns, tell a trusted adult such as a parent, teacher or friend. You can also phone the CCPAS helpline: 0845 120 45 50 or Childline: 0800 1111

Booklet 'Help, I want my child to safe on the net' is available at <http://www.ccpas.co.uk/Documents/Help-internet.pdf>

MOREINFO.

www.childnet-int.org/blogsafety/index.html, www.digizen.org and www.chatdanger.com are brilliant websites with loads of information on social networking.

www.thinkuknow and www.kidsmart.org.uk are great sites to browse and pick up all sorts of tips for staying safe when you're using the internet, social networking sites and playing games online. They also explain the dangers and what to do if something bad happens that upsets you.

Always follow the 'Click Clever Click Safe' Code:

<http://clickcleverclicksafe.direct.gov.uk>

helpline on 0845 120 45 50.



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