Online Safety News

Social Media

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Children and young people use social networks for many reasons, including sharing photos or videos, chatting with people via messages, voice calls or video, filming and broadcasting videos via live-streaming and playing games.

You've probably heard of Facebook, YouTube and Snapchat. But what about Omegle, Musical.ly and Periscope?

To learn more about children's favourite social networks, their suggested ages and how to use privacy settings, visit https://www.net-aware.org.uk/

As a parent/carer, it can be hard to keep track of what your child is doing on social networks, apps and games or know how to keep them safe.

When your child is using social media, there are many potential risks, including posting inappropriate selfies, spending too much time on social media, sharing too much personal information, chatting with strangers and inadvertently sharing their location. For advice on how to minimise these risks, please visit

https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/social-media/

or use the qr code below.

The NSPCC and O2 are working together to help parents to keep their children safe on social networks – and their top tips include:

- Changing privacy settings and turning off location sharing. For tips and support in doing this, call the O2 NSPCC Online Safety Helpline on 0808 800 5002 or make a face-to-face appointment with an O2 guru in-store (available even if you're with O2).

- Talk with your child about what they like to do online.

- Download the O2 NSPCC Family Online Agreement from their Share Awarepage so you can agree rules and boundaries with your children about online safety.

NSPCC Online Safety Helpline
0808 800 5002

If you have not yet started a conversation with you child about Online Safety, here are some talking points to get you started:

- Which sites and apps can be used and by who? When is it/isn't it OK to use the internet? Meal times, bedtime, family visits?

- Do your children have to ask for permission to download games, apps, or spend money online?

- What parental controls will you use, and when and how will you use them?