

Children, young people, and technology

Part 1



Definitions and Key Words

Online Child Exploitation (OCE)

When someone uses technology or the internet to harm a child or young person under the age of 18. This can include pressuring or tricking them and creating or sharing personal photos or videos of them online.

Key Words: exploitation | beware | offenders | usernames | profiles | visible | identify | security settings | inappropriate contact | online grooming | extortion | online blackmail | threaten | technology

Do you talk to your child about what they do online?

It is okay if you do not know much about technology and the internet. It is okay to ask for help.

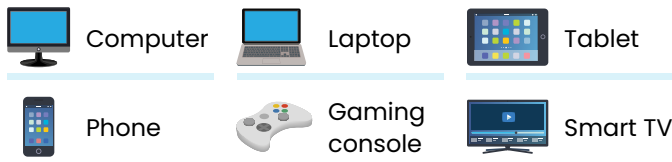
In many families, children and young people help parents and carers with technology.

This fact sheet will provide information on technology so you can start learning and having conversations with your child.

You can use this as a chance to learn together.

How do children and young people connect to the internet?

There are many different devices that can connect to the internet. For example:



Why do children and young people use the internet?

Children and young people use the internet:

- To connect with their friends, family, and the community.
- For entertainment:
 - Watching videos and movies.
 - Playing games.
 - To talk to people.
- For learning, schoolwork or studying.



ThinkUKnow's top tips for staying safe online



Have open conversations, often: The most important tip we can give you is to talk to your child regularly about what they are doing online and who they are talking to.

Supervision is essential: This means knowing what your child is doing online, who they are talking to and what platforms, apps or games they are using.

Be approachable if your child needs help: Asking for help is not always easy and your child may not want to tell you about online issues if they believe they will be punished or have their devices taken away. This can also make children and young people more secretive about what they are doing and at greater risk of exploitation.

Check privacy settings: We recommend that you learn and understand app settings, including privacy settings. This could include turning off location settings, setting profiles to private, or turning off chat functions.

Know how to report: If something goes wrong online, it is very important your child is supported. Your child will not get in trouble with the police. They are a victim of a crime. You need to know how to take action and make a report.

How to report:

- ! If a child is in immediate danger, call 000.
- 📍 If you need to report a crime, call your local police station 131 444.
- 🖱️ For online child exploitation, reports can be made to the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation using the Report Abuse button at accce.gov.au/report.

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