

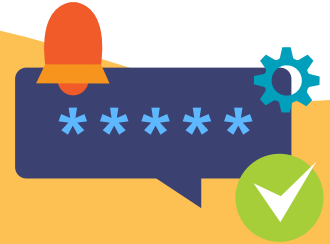


PARENT GUIDE TO STUDENT SUMMER DIGITAL SAFETY



Summer introduces new routines and activities, often leading to increased screen time for children. This shift can affect how they interact and present themselves online, potentially exposing them to various risks.

Here are some tips for keeping your child safe this summer:



DIGITAL HABITS THAT PROTECT

First, review your child's digital hygiene:

- Use strong, unique passwords.
- Enable two-factor authentication.
- Keep devices in shared spaces.
- Use parental controls.

SOCIAL MEDIA OVERSHARING

Summer is peak time for posting, but oversharing can attract unwanted attention.

Help your child navigate social media by:

- Reviewing privacy settings.
- Discussing what's appropriate to share.
- Reminding them that online posts can be copied or saved.



ONLINE GAMES & CHAT APPS

In-game chats or apps can be vulnerable digital spaces for kids.

Some important reminders:

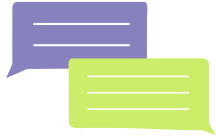
- Know the platforms your child uses.
- Encourage private or friends-only chats.
- Set time and usage limits.



SEXTORTION: KNOW THE RISKS

Sextortion is when someone tricks or coerces a child into sharing explicit content, or creates fake content in their likeness and then threatens to expose it. It often begins on social media, gaming apps, or messaging platforms.

What You Can Do:



Talk early, talk often.
Create an open space where your child feels safe coming to you.



Explain the risks
of sharing
personal images.



Monitor their contacts
and privacy settings.



Remain calm
and get help if
something happens.

AI & DEEPFAKES

Scams may use AI-generated photos, fake profiles, or videos that mimic real people.

Watch for:

- Suspicious messages or followers.
- Unfamiliar contacts pretending to be friends.
- Gut instincts that something is 'off'.



KEEP THE CONVERSATION GOING

Digital safety is an ongoing conversation.

Ask

- ? What apps do you use the most?
- ? Has anyone ever made you uncomfortable online?
- ? Do you know what to do if someone asks for a photo or personal info?

If Something Happens...

- + Don't blame your child - scammers are manipulative.
- + Screenshot and report any inappropriate contact.
- + Reach out to your school, authorities, or NCMEC (report.cybertip.org).