Gaming Safety Champion

Your ultimate guide to staying safe, smart, and having fun while gaming online!

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Why Gaming Safety Matters

Stay Protected Online

Gaming is awesome, but just like in real life, we need to stay safe while having fun. When you play online, you're connecting with people from all over the world—some are great, but not everyone has good intentions.

Learning about gaming safety helps you protect your personal information, avoid scams, and keep gaming fun for everyone!

Protect Your Info

Keep passwords and personal details private

Stay in Control

Know who you're playing with and what you're sharing

Have More Fun

Safe gaming means worry-free gaming!

Lock Down Your Settings

Your gaming settings are like your digital armor—let's make them super strong!

1

Privacy First

Set your profile to private so only approved friends can see your info and game activity.

2

Chat Controls

Turn off chat with strangers or limit it to text only. Voice chat should only be with people you know in real life.

3

Strong Passwords

Use unique passwords for each gaming account. Add a mix of letters, numbers, and symbols!

4

Two-Factor Authentication

Turn on 2FA—it's like having a secret code that only you know to access your account.

Playing With Strangers: Know the Rules

The Golden Rules

Never share personal information like your real name, address, phone number, or school

Don't accept friend requests from people you don't know in real life

Be careful with voice chat—strangers don't need to hear your voice

Never meet up with someone you only know from gaming

Trust your instincts—if something feels weird or uncomfortable, it probably is

Remember: Real friends don't pressure you to share private information or do things that make you uncomfortable!

Handling Mean Players Like a Pro

Block Them

Use the block feature to stop mean players from contacting you

Report It

Report bullying, threats, or inappropriate behavior to game moderators

Tell an Adult

Always talk to a parent, teacher, or trusted adult about serious issues

Stay Positive

Don't respond to mean messages—it only makes things worse

Dealing with toxic players is never fun, but you have the power to protect yourself. Most games have tools to mute, block, or report players who break the rules. Never feel bad about using them—you deserve to game in peace!

Smart Spending: In-Game Purchases

Think Before You Buy

Those cool skins and power-ups look amazing, but in-game purchases can add up fast! Many games use special currencies to make you forget you're spending real money.

Always ask permission from a parent or guardian before making any purchase, even if it seems small.

💰 Watch Out For

- Loot boxes—you don't know what you're getting
- Limited-time offers that pressure you to buy NOW
- Subscriptions that charge monthly

✅ Smart Gaming Tips

- Set a budget with your parents
- Remember: Free-to-play doesn't mean free forever
- Your skills matter more than any item you can buy!

Level Up: Take Gaming Breaks

Even champions need rest! Taking breaks makes you a better player and keeps you healthy.

1 — **Every 30 Minutes**

Look away from the screen and rest your eyes for 20 seconds

2 — **Every Hour**

Stand up, stretch, and move around for 5 minutes

3 — **Between Sessions**

Drink water, have a snack, and do something else you enjoy

4 — **Daily Balance**

Make time for homework, friends, outdoor activities, and family

Pro Tip: Set a timer on your phone or use your gaming console's built-in reminder features to help you remember to take breaks!

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