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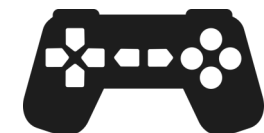
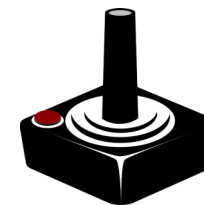
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# Parent Survival Guides

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### Tips on using Gaming devices



## 1. Talk to your child about the dangers and the benefits of using technology

There are a lot of benefits to using technology within school and at home. The key is to ensure that your child is safe. Show your child some of the interesting facts and how the technology can be used.

**Encourage your child to talk to you about the sites they have been on or the games that they have been playing. The more you show interest the more they will talk to you.**

## 2. What to do.....

Talk to your child about what to do if they see or hear anything you deem inappropriate on a gaming device.

Some of the guidelines are:

- Advise them to let an adult know immediately if something on a device or spoken through the device is offensive in any way
- Let them know they have done NOTHING WRONG
- Make a note of the id, website or the telephone number of the information being said or displayed.
- Block the user id or website on the device and report it. All gaming devices will have a department to contact.

## 3. Always set an initial filtering and time limit.

Within any device there will be a parental controls section. In this section you will be able to set the filters to limit what your child can see and the length of time that your child will spend on the device. Check the manufacturers instruction booklet for details of how to do this.

Talk to your child about limits discussing why they need to be in place. Ideally set a small timeframe initially, say 30 mins, on the device and if it is successful then this can then be extended to 1 hour if and when appropriate.

## 4. Talk to your children about gaming sites

There are different gaming sites for children to use under the age of 11 that are very safe if used appropriately.

Remember some of the Golden Rules:

- Only let your children on games that you have researched and are comfortable with. Age restrictions are there for a reason,
- Set a password protection so when they want to add a friend into the game or on the site they need your permission.
- Talk to your children about the restrictions and why they are there. The more the children understand the dangers the more they can appreciate the positives that all technology can bring.
- Where your gaming device allows you to add people, **only** add people to play with ALWAYS Remember not everyone is who they say they are and **ONLY** add people that you know!

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