

Internet Safety Tips



Parental Controls

Mobiles & Tablets

- Check location settings. (turn off)
- Check what information your child is sharing with others.

Home Broadband

- Filters control the content that you and your family see – Internet Provider sometimes provides this for free.
- Any device connected to your home broadband will require you to manually set up. (This will depend on your provider and you'll need to access your home router/hub).

TIPS:

- The controls you set up on your child's device and your home broadband won't apply if they use 3G/4G, public WiFi or log on to a friend's connection instead.

Games Consoles

Some devices allow you to:

- Set up different profiles for each family member
- Deactivate the internet
- Turn off chat functions to stop your child from talking to strangers.

Films/Music/TV

Smart TVs and services like Netflix, iTunes, BBC iPlayer and YouTube have settings that allow you to control who sees what.

Search Engines

Google & Bing – Have controls available to make viewed content age appropriate.

Google SafeSearch - Filtered to help to protect against Inappropriate or adult content.

Swiggle and **Safe Search UK** - Child-friendly search engines.

USEFUL CONTACTS – For Help/Advice re. setting up Parental Controls

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| UK Safer Internet Centre (Website) | Mobiles/ Tablets/ Home Broadband/ Games Consoles/Smart TV |
| Mobile providers (O2, Vodafone, Three, EE etc.) Websites/ Customer Services Helpline | Mobiles/ Tablets |
| Internetmatters.org | Home Broadband/Smart TV |
| O2 & NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5002 | Home Broadband/ Games Consoles/ Smart TV/ Search Engines |

Useful Websites

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> - Information about Internet Safety

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> Explains different Apps and Websites (can search for the one you want explained – What it is, what it does, privacy and safety ratings etc.)

<https://tootoot.co.uk> - Reporting platform and app for schools, colleges and universities.

<http://parentinfo.org/> - Provides information, support and advice to parents.

Firewalls - Layer of security that controls what traffic is or isn't allowed to enter your computer on a network. (Allowing a level of protection against hackers/malware)

Most routers have firewalls built in and you also have a firewall on your computer (usually built in to Windows/ Mac)

Anti-Virus Software - Designed to detect and destroy computer viruses (such as McAfee and Norton – Lots of different software for sale online)

Apps & Websites Popular in Shetland

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| Instagram | Kik | Skype |
| Snapchat | Facebook | Steam |
| Youtube | Messenger | Whatsapp |
| Twitter | Discord | Google+ |
| Musical.ly | | |