

Sexting

The term 'sexting' is used to describe the sending and receiving of sexually explicit photos, messages and video clips, by text, email or posting them on social networking sites. This can include abbreviated and coded text such as **PAW (Parents Are Watching)**.

Remember

Sexting under the age of 18 is against the law as it is classed as sharing an indecent image of a child. This can lead to Police investigations and criminal records for children.

Please remember to discuss this with your children.

Prevent

Prevent is about safeguarding people and communities from the threat of terrorism. It is not about catching terrorists, it is about identifying people who may be at risk of radicalisation.

Prevent work covers all forms of potential terrorism, such as Al Qaeda, ISIL (Islamic State in Sharm and the Levant) inspired, the far right, Irish republican, animal rights, faith-based extremism and others.

Things to look out for include exposure to new influences and potentially risky behaviours, influence from peers and influence from older people or the internet.



Further Information

The internet creates more opportunities for young people to find new interests. It is a worldwide, 24/7 medium that allows you to find and meet people who share and will reinforce your opinions, good or bad.

Remember to talk to children about their use of the internet and restrict what they can access on devices, games and networks.

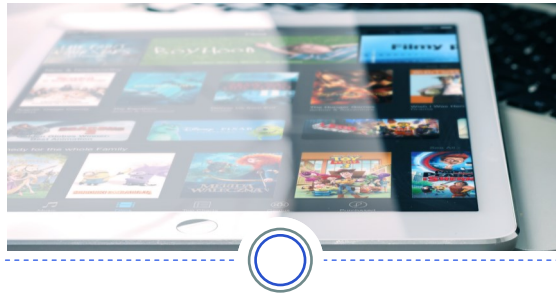
Any social media/company website is a great place to begin for terms of use. Contacting phone and internet providers to put blocks and restrictions in place.

Useful Websites



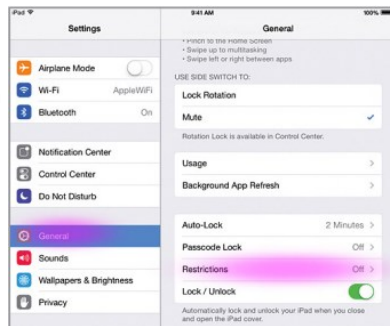
ARH E-Safety Booklet





iPad Restrictions

It is possible to restrict what children see on their iPad by heading into: Settings> General> Restrictions

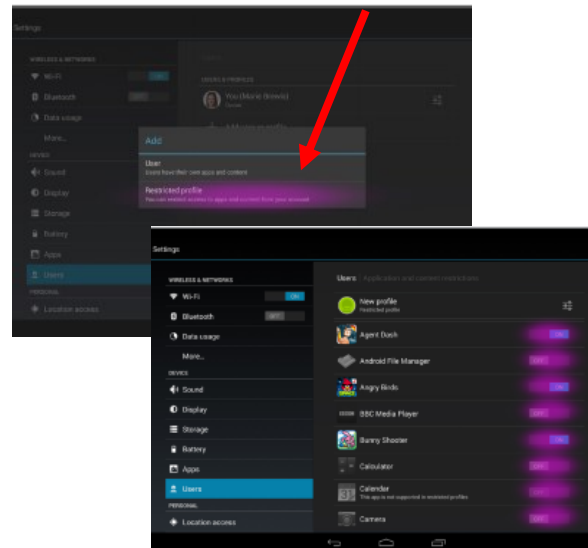


Here you are able to set a passcode, choose which apps are allowed, set age limits and website content limitations plus more.

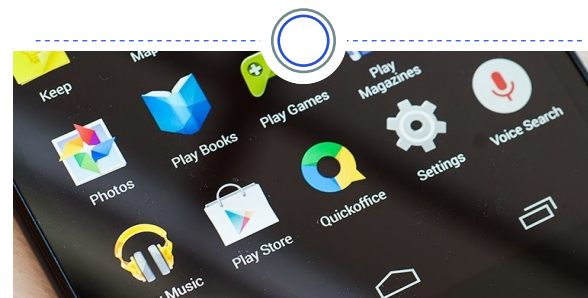


Android Restrictions

Android devices allow you to create multiple user accounts, these can be restricted to the administrators desire and locked with a pin code. This is accessed in Settings > Device > Users > Add User/Profile



From the lock screen, you'll now find your own account is protected with your pattern, password or PIN, while your child can instantly access their own account - but with the settings and apps you selected.



Social Media

The minimum age to open an account on **Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr and Snapchat is 13**. For **WhatsApp 16**. **YouTube** requires account holders to be **18**, but a **13-year-old** can sign up with a parent's permission, as is the case for many platforms.

Accounts for all social media platforms can be set to private, allowing all posts to only be seen by **"approved"** followers and friends. This means that your child must **"approve"** each person who asks to add them.

Remember!

Content posted online or with phones is pretty impossible to take back. It is also important to remember that anything digital can be copied and shared by others, if this was to happen it is very difficult to revoke. The content posted on all social media platforms will remain almost forever and could end up affecting job prospects and relationships.