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OPEN COMMUNICATION



Discuss Online Safety Regularly: Talk openly about the potential dangers online, such as cyberbullying, predators, and inappropriate content. Ensure your child feels comfortable coming to you with any concerns.

Encourage Questions: Let your child know they can ask you about anything they encounter online without fear of judgment or punishment.



SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES

Establish Rules for Online Use: Set guidelines for screen time, appropriate websites, and online behavior. Be consistent in enforcing these rules.

Use Parental Controls: Implement parental controls on devices and apps to limit access to inappropriate content and monitor your child's online activity.

EDUCATE ABOUT PRIVACY



Teach About Personal Information: Explain the importance of keeping personal information private, such as their full name, address, phone number, and school name.

Discuss the Dangers of Oversharing: Help them understand that sharing too much online can lead to unwanted attention or risks.





PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Evaluate Online Content Together: Teach your child to question the credibility of information found online. Discuss how to spot fake news, scams, and misleading content.

Encourage Responsible Social Media Use: Talk about the impact of their online actions and how to interact respectfully with others.



Know Their Online Friends: Just as you would want to know their friends in real life, be aware of who they are interacting with online.

Participate in Their Interests: Show interest in the games, apps, and websites they use. This involvement helps you understand their online world and provides opportunities to discuss safety.



Demonstrate Safe Practices: Be a role model by practicing good online habits, such as not sharing personal information publicly and being respectful in online interactions.

Avoid Overreaction: If your child makes a mistake online, address it calmly and use it as a teaching moment.





Empower Them to Make Decisions: Encourage your child to make safe choices online by themselves, reinforcing that they have the ability to protect their own privacy and well-being.

Praise Responsible Behavior: Recognise and praise your child when they demonstrate safe and responsible behavior online.



PROVIDE RESOURCES

Share Educational Tools: Offer age-appropriate resources, such as websites and apps, that teach online safety in an engaging way.

Connect With Support Networks: Encourage them to reach out to trusted adults, like teachers or counselors, if they ever feel uncomfortable online.

PREPARE FOR EMERGENCIES



Create a Safety Plan: Develop a plan for what to do if your child encounters something inappropriate or dangerous online, such as reporting the issue or blocking the person.

Discuss Reporting Mechanisms: Ensure your child knows how to report inappropriate content or behavior on the platforms they use.



STAY UPDATED

Keep Up With Technology: Stay informed about the latest apps, games, and online trends your child might be using.

Adapt Strategies as Needed: As your child grows, adjust your approach to online safety to match their increasing maturity and independence.

By implementing these strategies, you can help your child navigate the online world safely while fostering a sense of independence and responsibility.

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