



# Crime Prevention in Changing Times

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*Crime Prevention is Everyone's Responsibility*



## Digital Citizenship

### Tips for Adults

Keeping children and youth safe online requires parental involvement to help them learn how to navigate the digital landscape. To achieve this, parents and caring adults need to become informed about the online spaces and activities children and youth enjoy.

- Decide on the level of supervision and access you want over a child's online accounts. For most families, trust and communication is more effective than surveillance. Talk about it. Ask questions about your child's favorite games, shows, and characters. Discuss ideas and issues they read about or learn through a TV show or a game. "Friend or follow" your child. This is an opportunity for bonding, learning, and sharing your values.
- Have ongoing conversations about privacy online. Talk about the importance of using care with what is posted or shared online, including whether your child has permission to share something. Discuss possible consequences of what they are doing, who may see what they are posting, and the ways that someone might misinterpret a message. Help tweens and teens navigate and manage their online privacy.
- Talk about and model respect for intellectual property online. It can be easy to believe all content found online is free. Discuss the consequences of viewing and downloading content illegally – legitimate websites will not show recent TV shows or movies that are still in theatres without charging for them. Use legitimate sources to stream or purchase music, movies or TV content. Copying anything, is plagiarism, if you do not say where it came from. Teach the importance of recording and referencing online sources used for research,
- Create tech-free zones. Set rules that fit your family, such as "no devices during dinner," "no social media during homework," or "all screens off before bedtime." Walk the walk - children will learn habits from their adults of influence.
- Encourage open communication. Talk about what to do in response to upsetting online behaviour. Use current events as conversation starters. Treat mistakes as teachable moments.

### Additional Resources

**Common Sense Media:** provides resources to assist parents and teachers harness the power of media and technology as a positive force in the lives of children and youth.

[www.commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org)

**Digital Citizenship: Guide for Parents:** a guide for parents/guardians to assist them in talking to children and youth about digital citizenship

[www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/cmpgns/cmpgn-06/gd-prnts-en.aspx](http://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/cmpgns/cmpgn-06/gd-prnts-en.aspx)

**Get Cyber Safe:** A website providing information and resources to prevent online victimization.

[www.getcybersafe.gc.ca](http://www.getcybersafe.gc.ca)

**MediaSmarts:** develops and provides digital and media literacy programs and resources for Canadian homes, schools and communities.

[www.mediasmarts.ca](http://www.mediasmarts.ca)

**NeedHelpNow.ca:** assists youth impacted by self/peer exploitation stop the spread of sexual pictures or videos. This website provides youth with practical steps to regain control over the situation, including information about contacting websites/online services to request a picture/video be removed, and information to assist those supporting impacted youth.

[www.needhelpnow.ca](http://www.needhelpnow.ca)

**Digital Citizenship:** a website providing information and resources on digital citizenship and the responsible use of technology.

[www.digitalcitizenship.net](http://www.digitalcitizenship.net)

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