

Did you know?



Anyone, anywhere may be able to see what your child posts online

If privacy settings are open, potentially anyone could follow, like, comment, or speak to your child online



People may be able to see where your child is

Some apps have location trackers which make your child's location visible on a map to everyone who is following them



Children may act impulsively when speaking to people online and post things they wouldn't normally do

Children can feel protected because they are behind a screen. They could therefore be manipulated into sharing information, pictures or videos with people that they wouldn't do in 'real life'



Last year alone 105,047 sites with child abuse images were found online

Of the victims 78% were female and 39% were under 10 years old

Keeping children safe online

- Change privacy settings to private
- Turn off location trackers
- Do regular checks of phones and devices
- Encourage children to use their phones and devices where you can see or hear them so they are not hidden in their rooms
- Set time limits for online access and turn wifi off at night
- Link your child's device to your device
- Speak to your internet providers about parental controls
- Follow your children on social media
- Research and understand the apps that your children use
- Ask your child to teach you about apps and talk to them about what they do online
- Educate your child about online risks - if they wouldn't feel comfortable doing it in 'real life', they shouldn't feel pressured to do it online.

Worried about a child?

Call the Police on 101 or 999 if it is an emergency

Make a report on CEOP and the Internet Watch Foundation.

Call Blackburn with Darwen Children's Services tel no. 01254 666400

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Parents against
child exploitation