Parent Internet Safety Awareness

Current as of Jan. 2022

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Internet Safety Starts at Home

Internet safety should be viewed and treated as a door.

The door unfortunately is very hard to close after the fact.

Statistics Speak for Themselves

ONLINE ACCESS

45% of students access the Internet using a cell/smart phone

60% of boys access the Internet through a gaming console

GRADE	Shared Desktop	Own Desktop	Portable Computer	Library or Community Centre	MP3 Player	Cell / smart phone	Game console
4	64%	17%	56%	6%	47%	12%	46%
5	59%	19%	62%	9%	49%	21%	47%
6	59%	20%	63%	6%	55%	25%	48%
7	54%	21%	69%	7%	55%	37%	45%
8	50%	23%	73%	4%	53%	56%	41%
9	41%	23%	75%	6%	44%	68%	43%
10	39%	25%	78%	6%	38%	69%	34%
11	37%	27%	73%	6%	36%	75%	38%

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PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

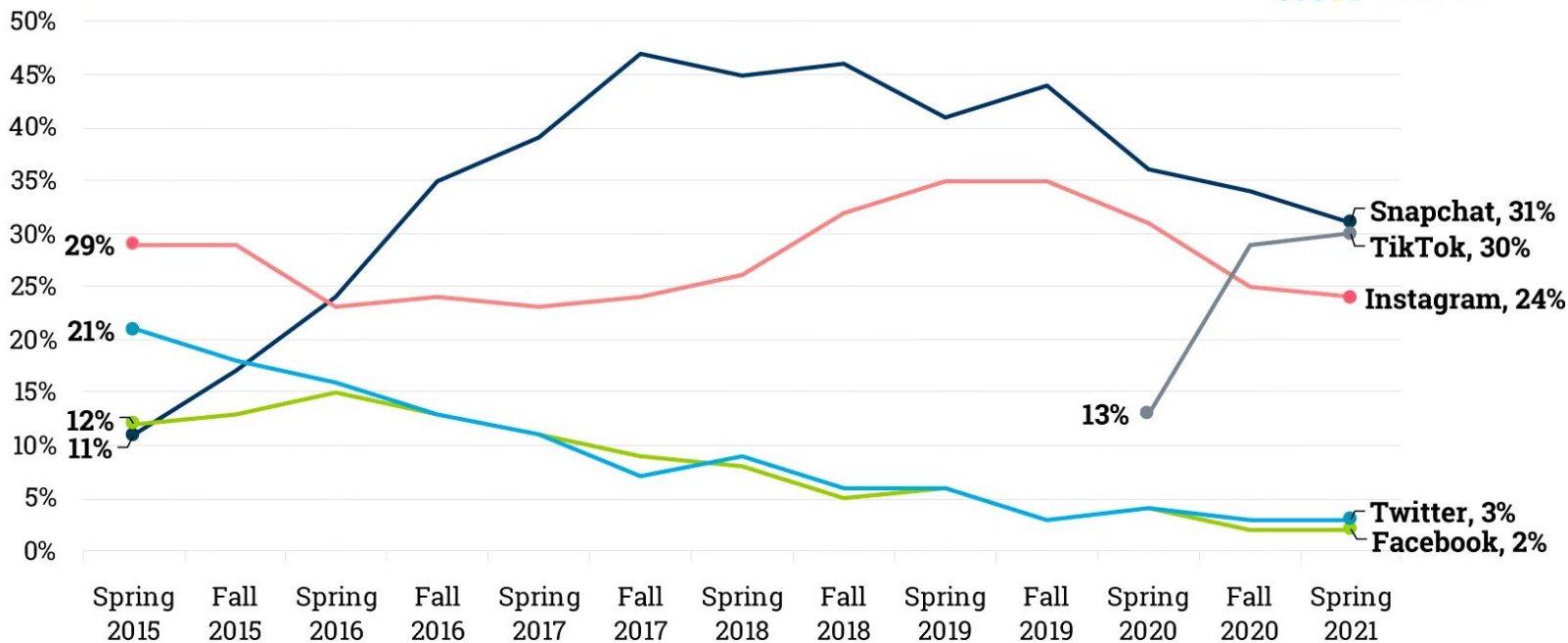| Are there rules about any of these in your house?	2005	2013
Getting together with someone you met online	74%	44%
Sites that you are not supposed to visit	70%	48%
Talking to strangers online or on your cell phone	69%	52%

WITH CELL / SMART PHONE

Grade	Own
4	24%
5	31%
6	38%
7	52%
8	68%
9	83%
10	87%
11	85%

http://mediasmarts.ca/sites/mediasmarts/files/images/publication-report/infographic-YCWWIII-Life-Online.pdf

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US Teens' Favorite Social Platform

marketing charts

Snapchat, 31%
TikTok, 30%
Instagram, 24%
Twitter, 3%
Facebook, 2%

29%
21%
12%
11%
13%

Spring 2015 | Fall 2015 | Spring 2016 | Fall 2016 | Spring 2017 | Fall 2017 | Spring 2018 | Fall 2018 | Spring 2019 | Fall 2019 | Spring 2020 | Fall 2020 | Spring 2021

Published on MarketingCharts.com in April 2021 | Data Source: Piper Sandler

Spring 2021 data based on a survey of 7,000 US teens with an average age of 16.1

Figures show % share of respondents selecting each as their favorite social platform, select platforms only

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OBERLO

TikTok Conquers US Youngsters

62%

of US TikTok users are aged **between 10 and 29.**

(Statista, 2020)

Source: https://www.oberlo.com/blog/tiktok-statistics
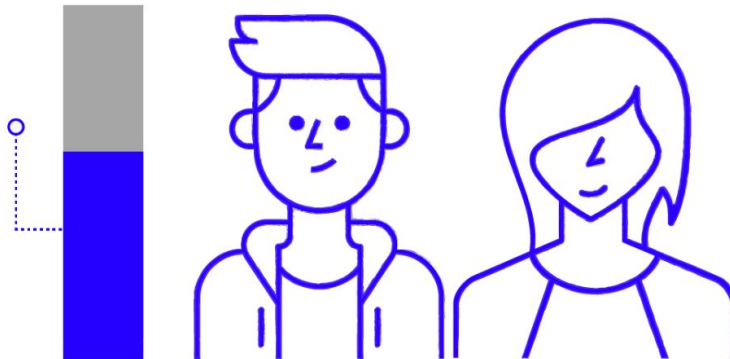
What can I do as a parent?

Proactive solutions are easier than reactive ones.

- Become aware of what technology your child uses
- Become aware of who your child interacts with on this tech
- Take small steps through conversations to identify key issues
- Making children aware of accountability and consequences
- Understanding the risks are REAL

What else can I do as a parent?

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- Get involved in their social media experiences
- Understand that communication is easiest when you are open and transparent
- Monitor usage times (set appropriate limits)
- Have your child explain "new" social media technologies to you

Put your internet rules in writing!

The Smart Talk gets parents and kids together for a conversation about being responsible with new technology.

Safety & Privacy   Screen Time   Social Media & Respect   Apps & Downloads   Texting & Calling

Limit Screen Time

Practical strategies for screen time management:

- Make expectations clear and consistent
- Make devices tools not toys
- Uses apps to help manage screen time for your children
- Encourage non-digital relationships and communication (family time)
- Remove portable devices from bedrooms at sleep time

Forest
Stay focused, be present

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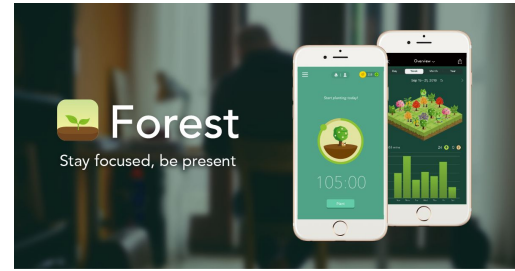
Screen Time Management TOP Tips!

✓ Limit screen time to less than 2 hours each day.

✓ Encourage your child to shut off devices with an early warning (e.g. 5 minute reminder and eye contact acknowledgement).

✓ Don't forcefully remove devices when time is up; allow your child to put away devices voluntarily and exercise self-control.

✓ Make specific all-day rules (e.g., no phones during meals, no screens for an hour before bedtime).

#DQEveryChild

Other Strategies to Use

- "Friending" you or "Following" them - to give you access
- Having them use devices or video game consoles in a common area (not the bedroom)
- Supervise trips to meet online "friends"
- Become **aware** of technologies your child uses

Resources to Help

Great overview of technologies with good videos for you to start with:
https://www.netsmartz.org/TrendsandTopics

Media Smarts has several good resources for parents:
https://mediasmarts.ca/cyber-security/resources-parents-cyber-security

"You don't have to be a computer expert to keep them safe online":
https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us

A RCMP website with basic information:
http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/en/gazette/internet-safety-tips-parents

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Where do I go when I need help?

TikTok Privacy Guide

https://www.tiktok.com/legal/privacy-policy?lang=en

Twitter Family Guide

https://about.twitter.com/en_us/safety.html

Snapchat: Safety Center

https://www.snap.com/en-US/safety/safety-center/

YouTube (Google): Community Guidelines

https://www.youtube.com/howyoutubeworks/policies/community-guidelines/

Just For You
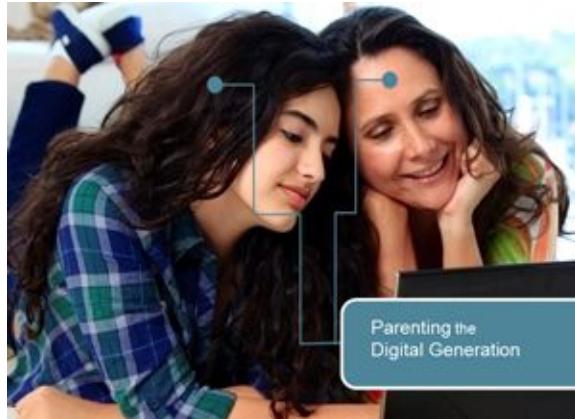
Parenting the Digital Generation

http://mediasmarts.ca/tutorial/parenting-digital-generation

Some things to be immediately aware of...

Devices today can embed the location that a picture or video was made.

This is called geotagging and it's a real threat to your child's safety.

Some things to be immediately aware of...

Place something on top of the camera embedded on a computer when not in use.
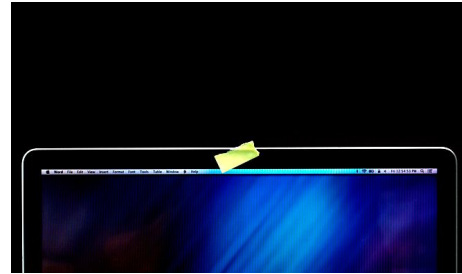
The threat is real and does happen more than we know.

http://cameras.reviewed.com/features/paranoid-or-prudent-should-you-tape-over-your-webcam

Some things to be immediately aware of...

Not everything your child is doing is safe online.

1. Stop
2. Think
3. Tell

But is Google Workspace Safe?

Yes, we use a wall garden approach for the student accounts. This means the students can only communicate with accounts on @fmpsd.ab.ca. They can't send or receive unauthorized external communication.

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Where do the files get stored in Google Workspace for Education?

Files are not stored as a whole file. Instead pieces of each file are scattered on many servers in many places to rapidly come together as a whole. There is no one location in Google Workspace which is why the files is never lost.

Who owns the data my kids put in the account?

You do. Google has been quite clear about this.

https://www.google.com/edu/trust/

Do I get access to my child's account?

Yes, the school can provide you the login and password to your own child's account.

We view you as an equal partner for this resource.

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