

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

MARCH - DIGITAL SAFETY

ONLINE RELATIONSHIPS

Online relationships can occur in any online services that allow two-way communication. The relationship may be for friendship, companionship, romance or even business.

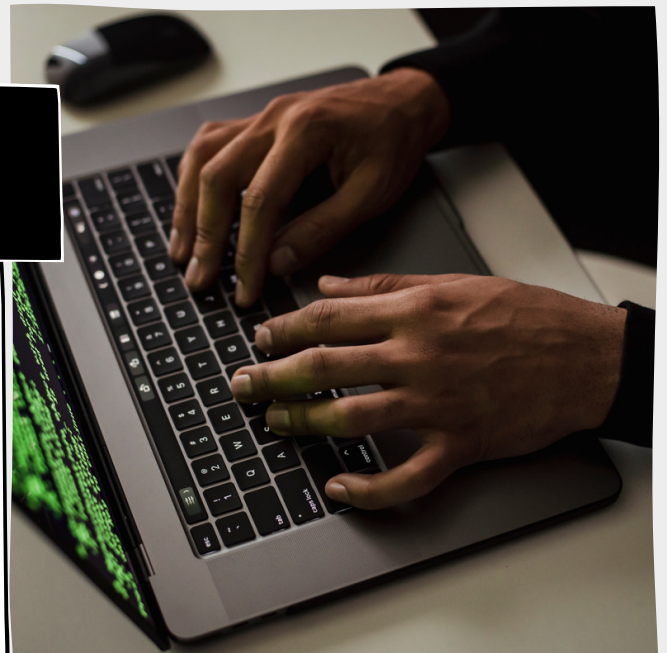


TIPS AND ADVICE

When getting to know someone online:

Take your time

- Check they are who they say they are
- Google reverse search their profile picture
- Don't share nudes
- Don't share your location
- Don't give out personal information



ONLINE GROOMING

Young people can be groomed online, in person or both - by a stranger or someone they know. Groomers may hide who they are by sending photos or videos of other people. Sometimes this'll be of someone younger than them to gain the trust of a "peer". They might target one child online or contact lots of children very quickly and wait for them to respond. This could be in the form of:

A romantic relationship, as a mentor, an authority figure, a dominant and persistent figure.

ASHLEIGH'S RULES



1. If ever meeting up with somebody who is alien to you or your friends make sure that you meet them in a group of at least 2-3 and in a public, well lit and populated area.

2 Inform somebody of where you are going and what time you should be back, also the name of who you are meeting.

3 Don't accept anyone on social networking sites that you don't know.

4 Remember never to trust anyone who you have met online, you don't know what they are capable of doing.

5 Never tell a stranger on network sites or chat rooms anything personal about yourself, e.g. Where you live, date of birth etc.

6 Never meet anyone you don't know, simple as!

REPORTING



Are you worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online?

Make a report to one of CEOP's Child Protection Advisors.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

[Online safety bill](#)

[Brook](#)

[Child net](#)

[NSPCC](#)



If you have any concerns for your safety, or the safety of others, Want to discuss any issues or want to Seek advice and guidance to keep yourself safe You can speak to your tutor or the safeguarding team in college. Email safeguarding@mbro.ac.uk Text SAFE to 60081 or drop into the wellbeing centre.

To report a non-emergency to police please call 101.

If you, or anyone else, is in immediate danger please call 999.