

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

SAFE APP DOWNLOADS – CHECKING APP RATINGS AND PERMISSIONS

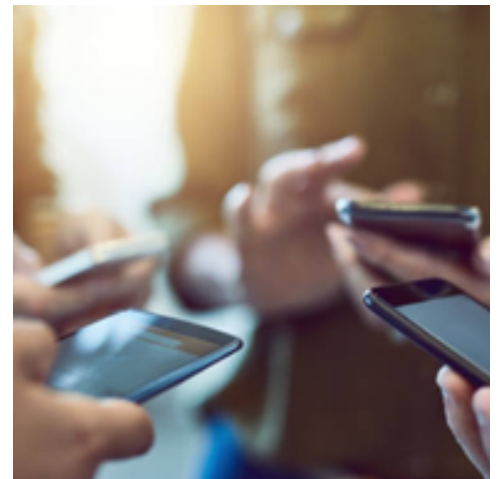
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SAFE APP DOWNLOADS

There are countless apps readily available for download on all types of devices. Children often hear of apps through word of mouth, ads or watching a content creator promote them.

To make sure an app is safe to use, keep these things in mind:

- **Check ratings** - When your child wants to download an app, review the ratings carefully. Keep an eye out for inappropriate content, in-app purchases and targeted ads.
- **Permissions** - Check what permissions an app is asking for. Look out for permissions involving camera access and personal data, disable any that you don't want accepted.



ONLINE SAFETY HUB – IN-APP PURCHASES

Through the Online Safety Hub, you can learn more about in-app purchases. In-app purchases are a big concern for parents, as some apps encourage the spending of real money for in-game items or currency.

It is important to monitor and manage the apps your child is using to avoid being met with a nasty surprise on your next bank statement. Ensure you have turned off in-app purchases for the apps they use through their device settings.

Scan the QR code to find out more:



APP SPOTLIGHT - ROBLOX

This week's app spotlight is **Roblox**.

Roblox continues to be one of the most popular games played by children. It is an incredibly diverse platform with lots of activities for children. However, due to in-app purchases and the potential risks posed by strangers, its use should be carefully monitored.

- Make your own Roblox account. This gives you parental controls.
- Ensure your child's birth date is correct, this allows for age-restrictions.
- Disable in-app purchases or set a spending limit through parental controls.

Scan the QR code to learn more:

