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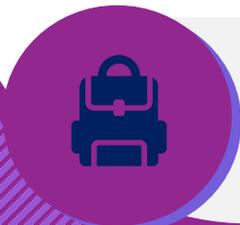
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NSPCC: Report Remove Tool

For a child or young person, having a sexual image or video of themselves shared online can be a distressing situation.

This can be difficult for parents and carers too, but there are ways we can support a child. If they're under 18, they can use Report Remove.

Report Remove is a tool that allows young people to report an image or video shared online, to see if it's possible to get it taken down. Provided by Childline and IWF, it keeps the young person informed at each stage of their report, and provides further support where necessary. The picture below is a link to the tool...



Nude image of you online?
We can help take it down.

Sextortion

The internet Watch Foundation (IWF) outline on their website what to do if you, or a child is a victim of sextortion (this is where somebody is threatening to post nudes/sexual images of you online).

You can find out more here:

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/sextortion/>

WhatsApp- Locked Chats

Did you know that you can hide conversations and lock them away in WhatsApp? This was a feature introduced in May 2023 and was easy to spot (if you knew how), but WhatsApp have updated the feature which makes it much more difficult to find. WhatsApp briefly explains [HERE](#).

Parental Controls

The information below outlines some of the parental control features that can be used on devices that children may be getting as Christmas presents this year.

Playstation

Set up your account as a family manager and create a separate child account so you can tailor their activities. Find out more here:

<https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/psn-safety-parents-guide/>

Nintendo Switch

Nintendo also offer a free app to monitor what and how your children are playing. Find out more here: <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/nintendo-switch-family/nintendo-switch-parental-controls/nintendoswitch-parental-controls-1183145.html>

Xbox

You can download an app to manage your child's gaming experience. Find out more here:

<https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/apps/family-settings-app>

Live Streaming

What is live streaming?

Live streaming is when an individual broadcasts video live over the internet. People can watch live streams from any device that is connected to the internet.

Who is watching live streaming?

Research from Ofcom reported that 57% of 3-17 years olds have watched live streams and the most used platforms to watch live streams were YouTube and TikTok.

What are the risks?

There are risks associated with watching livestreams that you should be aware of. The main risk being that children may see or hear something inappropriate as children may come across themes or content that is not suitable for them. It is difficult to moderate live content as it is happening in real time.

How can we help children?

- All online platforms have an age rating. For example, TikTok has an age rating of 13.
- For any platforms that your child uses, ensure appropriate parental controls and privacy settings are applied.
- Take an interest in what children are doing online and on a regular basis, ask children to show you what they are accessing.
- Ensure children know how to use any reporting/blocking tools on the app that they are using and as always ensure that children know to talk to a trusted adult if they see anything that concerns them online.