

KEEPING SAFE IN THE GAME



Keeping safe when gaming

Avoid providing other players with your:

- * full name
- * address
- * age
- * phone number

If a player/s makes you feel uncomfortable:

- * block the person
- * leave the game
- * report them to the administrator
- * tell a parent or someone you trust
- * change your player profile.

If you are cyberbullied when gaming:

- * don't respond
- * take screen captures to collect the evidence
- * report serious cyberbullying to the eSafety Commissioner.

In-app game purchases

Some apps allow you to buy additional content or services within the app.

Avoid losing money by:

- * turning off in-app purchases in the settings
- * reading every message and by being alert
- * limiting spending by using a pre-paid card.

Balancing online time

Spending many hours gaming can affect your health, family and school work.

Signs you might be spending too much time gaming include:

- * headaches, eye strain and being tired
- * arguing or lying to parents/carers about your gaming time
- * not completing homework
- * spending less face-to-face time with family and friends.

The golden rules of gaming

When gaming:

- * treat other players how you would like to be treated
- * in a closed group – assume other people will see what you post – be respectful of others and use appropriate language
- * behave in a way, you would be happy for your teacher, parent/carer or your grandparent to read or see.

Complementary activities

Check out some of our gaming resources on the esafety website including:

- * Balancing online time
- * Online gaming
- * Our #GameOn video series

Check out our games, apps and social networking page.