

# Online Safety Tips for Parents / Kids 2022



As fast as the years come and go, Internet technologies change, bringing new challenges for parents and educators when striving to keep kids safe online. Here are a few of the latest tips for online safety including on sites like YouTube\*, as well as privacy settings for other websites.

*\*These tips are not an endorsement of YouTube as being a safe website for kids or teens. **For strict filtering of videos, use our Safe Video Search Tool or visit [KidzTube](#).***

## 5 Tips to Make YouTube Safer

1. **Set up a Family Account.** By creating a shared Google account, you can see what videos are viewed and shared with friends. To do this, go to Google on your browser and sign in with a new Google email address and password. You can also use your existing Google account on the computer and browser that kids use.
2. **Turn on Restricted Mode.** This feature will help filter out the worst videos, making YouTube a little safer than normal. To activate, scroll down to the bottom of your YouTube account settings page and turn Restricted Mode ON. This has to be done on any browser that is being used and you always have to be logged in for it to work.
3. **Subscribe to Safe Channels.** The more you subscribe to favorite 'kid-friendly' YouTube channels, the more positive videos will come up for viewing. Kids can also click through to their favorite safe channels and watch more safe videos related to their interests.
4. **Upload Privately.** If you want to upload videos of your kids, or they want to upload videos of themselves, mark the video as Private or Unlisted. *Private* videos are only shared with friends your kids choose to share them with. *Unlisted* means that only those who are sent the specific link can view it.
5. **Disable Comments.** When uploading videos, you can keep bad comments from showing up on your video. In the video upload screen (or the video editing screen after uploading is complete) you can disable comments altogether or keep them unpublished until you are able to review them.

[Read more about YouTube Restricted Mode](#)

## 5 Tips to Protect Your Online Privacy

1. **Make sure all sites visited are secure.** Simply look for the “S” in https://. Unsecured sites will not contain the “s”, which stands for secure. Unsecured websites will start with http://.
2. **Make your passwords more complicated** by using a combination of letters (upper and lower case), numbers and symbols.
3. **Always use privacy settings and ‘opt out’ buttons** within your online accounts, including but not limited to, your social media accounts. This limits how much information is being shared.
4. **Turn off GSP** settings on apps to limit the tracking of your location. With the exception of maps and Google search for the purposes of finding local events and businesses, there is really no reason for apps or websites to know where you are located.
5. **Click Carefully.** Watch out for links or downloads sent to you in emails, as well as online questionnaires and giveaways. These links may infect your computer or expose kids to unwanted content.

**To block computer infections** when accidentally clicking harmful links, [install Anti-Malware Software.](#)