



DISCORD PARENT GUIDE



EDUCATE ABOUT ONLINE SAFETY

Talk About How to Behave Online: Have conversations with your child about the importance of not sharing personal information and how they can recognise potential online threats. Teach them to be cautious about the content they post and the people they interact with.

Promote Reporting and Blocking: Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behavior and block users who make them uncomfortable.



USE DISCORD'S BUILT-IN TOOLS

Server Moderation: Discord provides moderation tools that can help manage and filter content within servers. These tools can be utilised by server owners to create safer environments.

Safety Center: Direct your child to Discord's Safety Center, which offers resources and tips for managing privacy and safety on the platform.



WHAT IS DISCORD?

Discord is a communication platform originally designed for gamers but has since expanded to serve a broad range of communities. It allows users to create or join servers—virtual spaces where they can chat via text, voice, or video. Each server can be divided into different channels, which can be public or private, and users can participate in discussions, share content, and engage in various activities.

Potential Risks

Exposure to Inappropriate Content: Due to its open nature, Discord can sometimes expose users to inappropriate or harmful content.

Privacy Concerns: Users might inadvertently share sensitive data.

Unfiltered Communication: Public servers can expose users to unfiltered communication which might include offensive interactions.



ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE USE

Set Boundaries: Establish rules for when and how your child can use Discord. Encourage them to use it in moderation and to avoid using it late at night.

Be Involved: Engage with your child about their online activities. Ask them about who they interact with, and their experiences on the platform. Being involved helps you understand their online world better.



SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS AND PRIVACY SETTINGS

Adjust Privacy Settings: Encourage your child to configure their privacy settings to restrict who can send them messages and invite them to servers. They can set their account to "Friends Only" for direct messages and server invitations.

Monitor Server Membership: Check the servers your child is part of. Ensure that they are in appropriate communities and that their interactions are monitored.

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