Online Safety for Teens

Big Gap Exists Between Parents' Expectations of Teen Risks and Reported Teen Risks



62%

Parents' expectations





Most Worrisome Online Risk For Teens:

Cyberbullying, harassment, or abuse | 40%

After Experiencing a Risk, Teens are Most Likely to Tell: **Parents**

Top Five Online Risks Experienced by Teens



Misinformation & Disinformation



Hate Speech

39%



Real World Violence & Gore

31%



Cyberbullying

23%



Threats of Violence Towards Themselves or Others

19%

Tips For Teens

- Talk to your parents or another trusted adult if you've experienced a negative encounter online—or are worried about something that might happen online
- Familiarize yourself with the tools and features available on each platform to control who can contact and engage with you
- Report illegal or harmful content and seek help if you need assistance to process a harmful experience—trust your instincts if something doesn't feel right
- Be mindful of where you are getting your news and seek multiple resources
- Think about the information before you share and how it might be used—now and in the future

Tips For Parents

- Talk to your teens—have an ongoing and open dialogue. Don't be afraid to raise issues that may be uncomfortable—chances are your teen is already aware of them
- Familiarize yourself with the services they are using and how they are engaging online understand the types of content they may encounter on each service
- Set appropriate boundaries based on your rules at home and your family's values—you know your teen best
- Reach out to others for advice if you encounter a situation and you're not sure what to do. There are also many good resources online
- Understand the tools that are available to you on each platform to help keep your teen safe

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