



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

What is it?

Some types of online content may be inappropriate or harmful for children. Certain categories of content are 'prohibited' under the *Broadcasting Services Act 1992* including:

- Child abuse images: depictions of children being sexually abused or posing inappropriately.
- Pornography: depictions of adults engaged in sexual activity.
- Nudity: depictions of detailed nudity.
- Violence: depictions of violence that is particularly strong in impact.
- Illegal activity: content which promotes or instructs in criminal activity.
- Terrorist related material: content that advocates terrorist activities.
- Other material that may require an adult perspective.

What are the risks?

Accessing this inappropriate content may be psychologically harmful to children. Exposure to this type of material may lead a child to consider certain behaviour as normal, rather than extreme.

How to stay safe?

To keep your children safe from viewing this inappropriate content, the following advice is recommended:

- Children under 10 years: monitoring and supervising their Internet use, as well as using a content filter.
- Children in their pre-teen years: monitoring their Internet use, use a content filter, and discuss appropriate safety guidelines.
- Teenagers: discussing appropriate safety guidelines and how to avoid unsafe situations.

In order to avoid exposure to inappropriate content online, it is recommended that you consider using an internet content filter. Your Internet Service Provider (ISP) is required to provide you with access to internet content filter software and information about how to use it.

Communicate with your children about how to stay safe online and what to do if they come across inappropriate content online.

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