

How to talk to patrons about: *Keeping Kids Safe (Avoiding Bullying Online)*

- Cyberbullying and harassment are, unfortunately, part of interacting online. That doesn't mean that parents should ban their children from using any social media.
- There are resources available to patrons to learn how to keep their children prepared to both minimize their chances of experiencing cyberbullying as well as respond when they see it online.
- Parents should talk openly with their children about both the risks and benefits of using social media and build trust with their children so they come to their parents when something is wrong.

“There are several organizations and websites that actively work to educate about and stop cyberbullying.”



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Keeping Kids Safe: *Avoiding Bullying Online*

Social media, mobile apps, and text messaging offer kids and teens a great way to stay connected with their friends, but they're also a venue for bullying. Here are some resources to help protect your kids while letting them still use technology.



StopBullying.gov

Provides information from different government agencies on identifying, preventing, and responding to bullying.

ConnectSafely.org

Non-profit focused on teaching adults and children about online safety, privacy, and security.

Federal Trade Commission

Information on how to talk to your kids about their technology use and cyberbullying (<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/protecting-kids-online>).

Common Sense Media

Provides resources for parents and educators on technology and media (<https://www.commonsensemedia.org>).

For more information, visit <https://safedata.umd.edu>