



What parents should know about *YouTube*

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- Your child must ask permission to view *YouTube* videos and /or log on to *YouTube* accounts.
- Parents should create the account, keeping the Username and Password as Parent-only information
- **Viewing Videos:**
 - Log into your account or the account you created for your child and scroll to the bottom of any page. Click on "**safety**" and then make sure it says "**Safe mode ON**". What does this do? It replaces any inappropriate language with symbols and stars in the description, tags, titles and comments of the video but NOT in the video itself. It also filters out videos that are linked to words like "sex" and "nudity".
 - Remember *YouTube* is free to use and you don't need to have an account to use it. So even if you try to make your kids use your account only, they can still watch all the videos they want without signing into the account.
- **Posting Videos**
 - Do your children's video contain anything that is illegal or anything that is violent or inappropriate?
 - Does the video contain personal information that will allow strangers to identify your child?
 - **Each time** a video is posted, under *Privacy Settings*, the person posting must choose whether or not the video is Public (all and see and comment), Unlisted (The video is not "searchable"; only viewers who know the URL can find the video. All who see the video can comment) or Private (Only viewers with password permission from the person who owns /posted the video can see the video and post comments.)
 - Is your child posting other friends in the videos without permission for the friends' parents?
- All mobile technology (including parents' mobile technologies) devices with access to the internet should be collected by adults at night time and charged in a safe "adult only" location.
- Check your child's *YouTube* account and follow them. Each time your child posts a video, you will get an email.
- Explain that anything they post on the Internet is forever.
- Talk to your child (girls and boys) about how negative and inappropriate *YouTube* videos should be reported to an adult.