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Online
Safety Bill

UK's landmark

Online Safety Bill

Several online safety issues, including scams and assaults against women and girls, could be addressed as part of the online safety bill, according to a recent parliamentary report.

Additionally, it would force big tech companies to hold senior managers accountable and make them personally liable for failures in court.

The supporter of the report said, "we need to call time on the wild west online".

"For too long, big tech has gotten away with being the land of the lawless.... the era of

self-regulation for big tech has come to an end."

The first draft of the regulation included a duty of care for large social networking sites to remove illegal and harmful content and protect children.

Ofcom has been called upon to set more explicit standards and have a broader authority to investigate and fine big tech firms, according to the House of Commons.

Some of the recommendations in the 191 pages are:

An explicit duty for all pornography sites to make sure children cannot access them
Scams and fraud - such as fake adverts designed to trick users - should be covered
The bill should cover not just content, but "the potentially harmful impact of algorithms"
It should also be expanded to cover paid-for advertising, such as those involving scams

Also, based on recommendations from the Law Commission, they propose that more new criminal offenses be created in the bill, including the following.

Promoting or "stirring up" violence against women, or based on gender or disability
Knowingly distributing seriously harmful misinformation
Content "promoting self-harm" should be made illegal
"Cyber-flashing" - the sending of unwanted naked images - should be illegal so should deliberately sending flashing images to those with epilepsy, to cause a seizure



App Instagram

Age Rating PEGI - Parental Guidance - App 13+

Synopsis Snap, edit, and share photos and short videos on a public or private network of followers. As with all social media sites, popular features include the sharing and commenting of photos. One of the appealing features is allowing you to apply fun filters and effects to your photos.

What do parents need to know The more "likes" someone has the more popular they feel. This can affect their self-esteem and worth when they don't get the likes. All photos are public unless you change the privacy setting. Users are more exposed beyond their followers with hashtags and location information.



App WhatsApp

Age Rating PEGI - 3 - App 16+

Synopsis Allows user to chat with their approved family and friends. Allows users to instant message, call as well as video messaging/video calling. This app is very popular from ages 9+ allows children to socialise with friends.

What do parents need to know Like any instant messaging app users can become distracted or agitated. Unless user are using the same version of the app it is not always possible to delete the message. Make sure your child understands about their digital footprint.



New porn verification rules:

Online Safety Bill

One of the measures of the online safety bill is to change how porn sites work in the UK. This will lead to a crackdown on adult content sites in the UK in order to ensure that all users are over the age of 18.

Pornographic websites will now be required to verify the age of their users through either secure age-verification technology or by third-party services, under these new rules.

In the event that sites fail to comply with the act, Ofcom, as the sector's regulator, can fine them a percentage of their global revenues or block the sites from operating in the UK. More importantly, managers of these companies could be held responsible if they fail to comply with the act.

Children are too easily able to access pornography online. This new law will provide parents with peace of mind. By strengthening the Online Safety Bill, our children will be protected from obtaining damaging information.

Approximately half of 11 to 13-year-olds have been exposed to pornographic material at some point. This gives children an unhealthy understanding of sex and consent, putting them at risk from predators and hampering their ability to report abuse.

Andy Burrows, of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC),



welcomed the strengthening of the Online Harms Bill but said it didn't go far enough.

"It's right the government has listened to calls to fix one of the gaps in the Online Safety Bill and protect children from pornography wherever it's hosted," he said.

"Crucially, they have also acted on our concerns and closed the 'Only Fans loophole' that would have let some of the riskiest sites off the hook despite allowing children access

to extremely damaging material.

"But the legislation still falls short of giving children comprehensive protection from preventable abuse and harmful content and needs significant strengthening to match the government's rhetoric and focus minds at the very top of tech companies on child safety."

On the Radar Roblox sex games - [BBC News Article Link](#)

What do parents need to know

Roblox sex games are commonly referred to on the platform as "condos". There are spaces, created by users, where people can discuss sex, and avatars can have virtual sex. Roblox have developed parental control tools. If you are unsure how to set these up you can refer to the netangel YouTube Channel, which has two step-by-step tutorials. "A Parents Guide to Roblox" and a "How to Set Up and Configure Roblox Privacy Settings."

Link to parental guide [A parents guide to Roblox](#)



On the Radar Wink

Age Rating Pegi - Parental Guidance

Synopsis

Wink is the best place to make new friends from all over the world! It's as easy as swiping right and starting up a conversation with your potential new bestie. Swipe, Chat, Express Yourself, Earn Gems

What do parents need to know

Wink is a messaging app allowing children to communicate with others. Similar to popular dating apps Wink uses the swipe method to looking at profiles giving you the choice to accept or decline. Once children are connected Wink allows them to share personal information including photos and their location. This could leave your children open to potential risks.

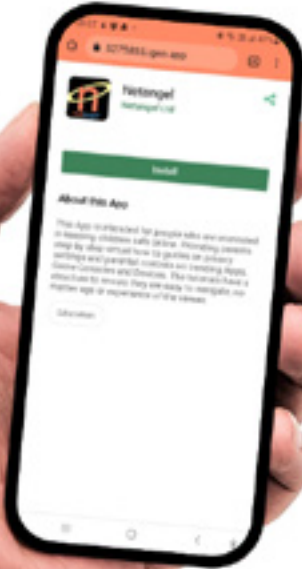


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Providing step-by-step 'How to Guides' in video format on trending Apps, Game Consoles, and Smart Devices has been Netangel's commitment since 2020 to support parents/guardians on setting up parental controls.

We host our library on our YouTube channel, which is extremely popular. However, we know that YouTube has a younger audience with generations Z and Alpha who are raised on social media and the internet.

Parents/Guardians who are not familiar with this platform have told us that the word "subscribe" can be interpreted as being locked in and even costing money, which is not the case.

In order to make it easier, we created an APP. Now you do not need to search for the information, we provide the videos to you in 3 simple clicks. As soon as a new VT is uploaded, your App updates

automatically and you are ready to go., it really is as simple as 1, 2, 3 and it is all free.

No matter the age or experience of the viewer, the layout of the APP accommodates the different levels of confidence guardians have. We also made sure the navigation of the APP is easy for anyone to follow. We follow the same methodology for the design of the videos. The videos are made for parents by parents. Auto-translation is also available for parents and guardians who are not English native speakers.

There are so many online platforms that keeping track of them all is impossible, but this isn't a reason to ignore it. Parents can be a part of their children's digital world, and we will make sure we stay on top of the technology so that we can help protect this generation.

