

- Don't give out any **private information** over the internet or through mobile phones about you, your family, friends or other people that you know.
- People may pretend to be someone they are not online. It is important you **know** and **trust** the people you chat to and accept as 'friends'.
- Use a strong password (a combination of upper and lower case letters, symbols and numbers) eg P@\$\$w0rd
- Make sure your social networking profile is set to private (check your security settings).
- Think about all of the information you share online. Even small details like your screen name may give away your identity.
- Think before you share. Once it's on the internet you can't take it back. You create a digital footprint.
- Don't hide behind a computer screen, if you wouldn't say it to their face, don't say it at all!
- Never meet up with **strangers** offline, especially if you have only met them online.

Respond quickly if you feel uncomfortable while online. Close the program and tell an adult you trust.

Report any suspicious or dangerous online contact to police on 131 444.







