Safeguarding Newsletter
Online Abuse Edition

Online abuse is any type of abuse that happens on the internet. It can happen across any devices connected to the web like computers tablets, games consoles and mobile phones, and can happen anywhere online.

Children and young people may experience several types of abuse online including:

- bullying or cyberbullying
- emotional abuse (including emotional blackmail)
- harrassment, stalking or threatening behaviour
- pressure or coercion to send sexual images
- sexual abuse
- sexual exploitation.

Online abuse can happen anywhere that allows digital communication such as:

- social media
- text messages and messaging apps
- email and private messaging
- online chats
- comments on video or live streaming sites
- chat in games, including voice chat
- immersive technologies such as virtual or augmented reality.

Children and young people can be at risk of online abuse from people they know offline, or from people they have only known online. Children may have a false sense of safety online, which means they're more likely to talk to strangers.

If you are worried about a child, talk to...

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