

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

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APPLE IPADS

According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. Ipad can be useful tools but, without supervision, they may expose children to risks.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- Costly to repair
- Inappropriate content
- Screen addiction
- Reduced attention and cognitive impact
- Data privacy

ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS:

- **Enable Family Sharing** – Allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access and set time limits.
- **Use Screen Time Features Effectively** – Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access at key times (e.g. bedtime) and App Limits sets daily time caps.
- **Filter Apps, Websites & In-App Purchases** – Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads and manage in-app purchase permissions.
- **Prevent Unapproved Spending** – Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase your child may accidentally (or intentionally) make.



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