

Safe4Kidz - best practice for online safety and security

Safe4Kidz provides effective protection for children and peace of mind for parents. Here are some basic tips on how to further protect your security:

Children

- Don't disclose your age, gender or other profile details to strangers
- Always let your parents or teachers know if you are concerned about things you see or hear whilst on your PC or the Internet
- Behave sensibly and think carefully about what you say or do on the Internet as you may be held responsible for your actions

Parents

- Use up to date anti-virus and anti-spyware software
- Have up to date spam and phishing filters in place
- Use a firewall or a router to minimise your broadband exposure
- Apply all manufacturer's operating system security patches
- Keep your application software up to date with manufacturer's patches
- Only install software acquired from reputable sources
- Don't open unknown email attachments
- Don't include personal or confidential information in email or chat
- Carry out routine backups; save what you wouldn't want to lose
- Keep your Administrator account details private
- Choose sensible passwords – don't use family names, etc
- Keep your PC physically secure and use login passwords
- Set a BIOS password to minimise uninstall threats