5 important steps to keeping your kids and teens safer online

Use this guide as a checklist to guide you and your family through some of the top ways to stay safe online.

**STEP 1**
Help empower your kids to be safe and confident online explorers

Teach your kids the basics of digital safety and citizenship. Explore Be Internet Awesome and how to talk to your kids about online safety.

**STEP 2**
Create a supervised account for your kids

Help your kids learn to make smart choices online by supervising their Google Account and devices. Create a supervised account on Google, and manage their experience on YouTube.

**STEP 3**
Set the right parental controls for your family

Create digital ground rules, boundaries, and expectations together with Google Family Link. View ConnectSafely’s guide to parental controls to learn more about settings across the web.

**STEP 4**
Find balance with technology as a family

Have an open conversation with your kids and teens to find a balance between online and offline activities. Check out CommonSense Media’s guide on modeling healthy digital habits for your kids.

**STEP 5**
Stay aware of your kids and teens’ online activity

Stay in-the-know on how your kids explore online and interact with others. Learn about social media red flags for your teens.