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Install and use these parental controls, and set privacy settings to help block inappropriate websites.

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Have conversations with your children about the benefits and dangers of the Internet. Ask what they do online, what websites they visit, who they are talking to, and what they are talking about.

Set and agree upon family rules and expectations for using the Internet. Post them near the family computer as a reminder.

Keep computers in a common location in your home where you can keep an eye on your children's activity.

Teach online safety! Download our "Kids Internet Safety Tips" to get started.

Take a genuine interest in what your kids are doing and stay engaged with them online. Do the things they do such as instant messaging, Facebook, and online games so you are familiar with what is going on around them.

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