

What **you** can do

Let's talk more about being safe online. I'm going to give you all a scenario or two and I'd like you to share with us what you would do. Here's the scenario: you notice that your friend has been spending a lot of time online playing games. The last seven times you asked your friend to come outside and play basketball, he said he couldn't because he was playing the online game. You know that people your age should only have less than 2 hours of screen time a day, what do you do?

ANSWER:

Continuing to ask your friend to spend time together away from a screen is a great start! Let's pretend you start noticing your friend is talking to strangers online and is giving out personal information like where they go to school, who their friends are, and when their parents aren't home. What would you do?

Great job! Reminding your friend about the dangers of telling people this type of information is a good idea, but we also want to make sure a trusted adult knows, because now this stranger knows your friend's personal information.



Let's try another one. Here's the scenario: you're at a friend's house watching them play a video game, and you see a friend making plans to meet one of their online only friends in person. You know that meeting up with someone from online is dangerous. How do you feel about your friend meeting up with this person? What do you think you would do in this situation?

ANSWER:

Great answers. It is really scary to know your friend might be meeting up with a stranger. So let's pretend that we told our friend that it was really dangerous to meet someone offline and we were worried about their safety, but they tell us they are still going to do it. What would you do next?

Definitely! Meeting someone can be extremely dangerous, because although we may feel like we know them, they are still strangers!