Ready2Comply

TOOLKITS FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

DIRECT WORK RESOURCE · ONLINE SAFETY

Game On, Stay Safe

Online gaming, chat and spending

A colourful, ready-to-use direct work pack to help young people enjoy gaming safely – chat, strangers, scams, spending and screen time – and to help you gauge, record and act on risk.

- Ages 11–17
- 1:1 or small groups
- 3–4 sessions
- Editable Word

Worker's guide

Session plans, the law for staff, SEND and trauma-informed tips, disclosures, escalation and recording

Activity sheets

How games work, risk spotter, 12 scenario cards, settings checklist, gaming agreement, who to tell

Risk measure

Young person's quiz with scoring key, worker observation checklist, record sheet – plus a certificate

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Information about game features, age ratings and the law was checked against PEGI, Ofcom, the Gambling Commission, GOV.UK, CEOP and NSPCC sources in November 2026 (see Sources, page 21). Games and settings change often – check them on the young person's own device with them.

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Inside the game

How games keep you playing – and what to watch out for

Voice & text chat

Talk to your squad or to anyone in the lobby.

⚠ Strangers can join in. Set chat to friends only.

Friend requests

Anyone can send you a request after a match.

⚠ A stranger is still a stranger, however friendly.

Private messages

DMs in games, Discord and other apps.

⚠ Moving to private chat is a red flag.

In-game currency

V-Bucks, Robux, points – bought with real money.

⚠ It's easy to forget it's real cash.

Loot boxes & packs

Pay for a random prize – you don't know what you'll get.

⚠ Works like a slot machine.

Skins & trading

Outfits and items you can buy, win or swap.

⚠ Fake trades and skin betting sites.

Rewards & streaks

Daily rewards and battle passes keep you coming back.

⚠ Built to make stopping hard.

Your account

Username, password and linked email.

⚠ Never share passwords or login codes.

Settings & reports

Block, mute, report and privacy settings.

⚠ Use them – that's what they're for.

Did you know?

Most game companies let you **switch off voice chat, limit messages to friends and set spending limits**. Reporting a player is anonymous – they won't know it was you.

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Real-life situations

Cut out the cards or pick one. What's going on? What would you do?

1 New squad mate

You win a match with a random player. They add you as a friend and say you're amazing. Then they ask how old you are and what school you go to.

🚩 Red flags? 🤔 What would you do? 🗣️ Who could you tell?

2 Free skins

An older player keeps gifting you skins and currency. “Don't worry, I've got loads. You're my best teammate.”

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3 Let's go private

Your online friend says the game chat is rubbish. “Add me on Snapchat – or let's DM on Discord instead.”

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4 Our secret

“Don't tell your carers about me. Adults don't understand gaming friendships.” They ask you to delete your chats.

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5 Send a pic

Someone you've gamed with for weeks asks for a photo “to prove you're real”. Then they ask for another, with less on.

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6 Rage in chat

Every time you play, one player screams insults at you over voice chat – about your race and how you play.

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