## **GAMING SAFETY**



## WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

## **ABOUT GAMING SAFETY**

- 1. BE ACTIVE in learning about what games your children are currently playing. Do you know what they are doing in the game?
- RESEARCH the game your child is requesting to play.
  - a. Do you know the game's rating?
  - b. What is the game-play style?
  - c. Is the content in the game appropriate?

3. Do you know the settings on the gaming console (Xbox/PlayStation)? Does it have a "cross-play" capability?

a. Cross-play: feature that allows users to find and communicate with others across multiple platforms and devices.

4. Is your child's gaming console in an area that can be easily monitored?



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- 5. Establish screen time limits on games/gaming platforms at home!
- 6. Do you have rules in place when your child can play their online games and who they can play with?
- 7. Does your child have access to in-app or gaming purchases while playing? Is your financial information (credit card) tied to or accessible from platform account?
- 8. Do you review the messages and communications your child has with other players in the games they are allowed to play?

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