



Internet Safety at Home

Fortnite:

What is it?

'Fortnite' is a free game for PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Mac and iOS. The game sees 100 players dropped on to an island from a 'battle bus,' where they have to compete until one survivor remains. The last remaining player on the island wins the game.

Is it addictive?

Games last around 20 minutes. Children may feel angry if they lose the game and will want to continue playing until they achieve their desired result. The competitive nature of the game may make it difficult for them to stop playing halfway through as their position in the game could be affected.

Can my child talk to strangers?

Interacting with other players in the game is part of the fun as players can communicate with their friends and other players in the game. Players will benefit from wearing headphones to hear footsteps from other players trying to compromise their game. Wearing headphones makes it difficult for parents to hear what exactly is being said and children may be exposed to inappropriate language.

Do they ask for private information?

Some accounts offer 'free money' (V bucks), normally these are not authentic, so children shouldn't give away any personal information in order to receive them.

What are the age restrictions?

PEGI has given it an age restriction of 12+ because of the violence involved in the game.

How can you help?

You can use **parental controls** to **limit game time** on Xbox and PC or if they are using it on a phone, you can limit the amount of matches they can play. You can **turn off voice chat** in the settings so they cannot talk to strangers on the phone, however they can still message them. **Restrict your child's payment methods**, so they do not buy upgrades and ensure they know about the **V bucks scams**. Show your child how to **make a report** if someone is being inappropriate. Help your child to create a **strong password**.