



## Internet Safety at Home

### Roblox:

#### What is it?

Roblox is very similar to Minecraft. Children use their imagination to build 3D worlds in a digital landscape. Players can choose different 'servers' to join, which are created by other players, meaning everyone's experience is unique.

#### Is it addictive?

As with other games, Roblox is a game where people can keep returning with constant challenges and personal goals to achieve. Children may find it difficult to know when to stop playing and can lose track of time when they are playing.

#### Can my child talk to strangers?

Roblox studio allows children to create their own worlds and games for other users to play. As the games are created by users, they can include things you may not want your child to be exposed to such as weapons, violence and even pornography. The only way inappropriate things are removed is if people report them. Children are also able to chat with strangers when they are playing.

#### Do they ask for private information?

There are several website that offer downloadable 'mods' which modify gameplay. Most of them are safe to use but some contain viruses which can try and find personal information about your child.

#### Do they ask for money?

Roblox is free to play. However, on the game there are things called Robux which they can earn whilst playing the game. Children are also able to buy Robux using a PayPal account.

#### What are the age restrictions?

There are no age restrictions; however children have to put their age in it. If they say they are under 13, they will have automatic protection with their chats being filtered for inappropriate content.

#### 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. Make sure you child **does not list any of their personal information** on their account, such as their social media accounts. Your child may talk about '**griefing**', this is when someone purposely ruins another players game talk to your child about it and explain it is a form of cyberbullying. **Restrict payment methods. Disable in game chat.** You can do this by going to account settings, then clicking settings, then click on the privacy tab and select the option of no-one can talk to me in the game. Make sure your child has set their **age limits** to their actual age.