



Understanding opportunities to increase **security and privacy** measures

We have **four common opportunities** where we can assess our security and privacy settings.

Working with your child or teen in understanding why we have these measures in place, will help minimise risk or help manage anxiety for those who have experienced cyberbullying. You can access the full Parentline training to learn more about security, privacy and how to spot cyberbullying early.

On existing devices

Personal information which can be accessed by different apps, such as location, microphone and contacts, etc. – but only if you allow it.

Removing access is usually performed via 'settings' on your device. You will be able to select how much access each app on the device has to your personal information.



On existing platform accounts

Depending on the platform, you can select which level of privacy you wish to enable.

Enabling these account options with your child, will help them understand how and why their account is set up to protect them and exactly who can interact with their account.





When upgrading or gifting a device

When we gift a new device, or upgrade a device, giving a 'hand-me-down' to a child or teen, there is an opportunity to set up the device with high security and privacy settings.

Before we hand the item to the child, we can set up the device to include high level security settings ourselves, to ensure the child is protected.

When creating a new account

Similar to existing platform accounts, having a conversation and guiding the child to set up a new account which includes higher level privacy settings is an important step in increasing the child's understanding of privacy.

Touching on important safety points such as only adding people who they know in person, is another way to manage online behaviour.

To find out more information on how to enable these security and privacy settings, visit eSafety Video Library or search 'collecting evidence' on the eSafety Commissioners website.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/domestic-family-violence/video-library>

If you are interested in learning more about cyberbullying behaviour, warning signs, how to start a conversation, how to increase your security and privacy setting, along with how to report cyberbullying in the full Parentline Training. It takes approximately an hour and designed to be easily accessed from your mobile device or tablet. Click [HERE](#) to begin.

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