Parents Safety Tips For 2-4 year olds

At this age they will...

- Accept media content at face value
- Don't have the critical thinking skills to be online alone
- May be frightened by media images, both real and fictional
- May be frightened by realistic portrayals of violence, threats or dangers
- Will risk moving from appropriate to inappropriate sites through hyperlinks

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Safety tips

- Always sit with children at this age when they're online.
- Create a personalized online environment for your children by "Bookmarking" a list of acceptable sites.
- Use Child-friendly search engines or ones with parental controls.
- Utilise Internet-filtering tools as a complement not a replacement for parental supervision.
- Start teaching your children about privacy. Have them use an online nickname if a site encourages them to submit their names to "Personalize" the Web content.
- All family members should act as responsible role models for children's use of the Internet.

Online Safety Tips for Parents

Be Aware

- Install filters to protect your child from inappropriate websites.
- Keep tabs on your child's internet use.
 Make sure you know what sites your child visits, how much time he or she spends on them, and whom your child is communicating with.

Be Curious

- Set limits for screen time to have a balance with real world connections.
- Put the family computer in a public place in your home, such as a kitchen or family room, to encourage an open dialogue and discourage unwanted online behaviour.
- Consider not allowing your child to have any connected devices, such as a Smartphone, laptop computer, or tablet, in private areas of your home, like a bedroom or bathroom.

Be Engaged

- Keep the conversations going. Start talking with your child at an early age about online use and continue the dialogue as your child gets older.
- Know any passwords that your child uses, and explain that they shouldn't be shared with friends