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A Parent and Educator Guide to

FORTNITE

Play. Compete. Connect.
Understand the benefits.
Recognize the risks.
Support safe and responsible use.



What is Fortnite?

Fortnite is a popular online multiplayer game where players can compete, create, and explore virtual worlds. It includes battle royale, creative modes, and special in-game events. Fortnite is popular with children, teens, and adults and can be played on multiple platforms including PC, game consoles, and mobile devices.

Age Guidance

Fortnite is rated Teen (T) by the ESRB, which means it is intended for ages 13 and up due to violence and in-game purchases.

Parental guidance is recommended for younger players, as age requirements may vary.

Positive Aspects

Encourages teamwork, communication, and strategic thinking.

- Provides creative modes to build and design.
- Offers social opportunities to play with friends.
- Can be a positive way to stay connected with peers.
- Features limited-time events, challenges, and creative expression.

Potential Risks

Interaction with strangers.

- Inappropriate language or behavior in voice or text chat.
- Exposure to violence and mature content.
- Scams, phishing, and fake V-Bucks offers.
- Unwanted friend requests.
- Pressure to spend money on in-game purchases.
- Cyberbullying, toxic behavior, and cheating.

Important to Know

- Fortnite is free to play, but offers in-game purchases such as V-Bucks, skins, and battle passes.
- Players can communicate with others through text chat and voice chat.
- Not all game modes are appropriate for younger players.
- Parental controls and privacy settings can help make the experience safer.

What Parents and Caregivers Can Do

Have Open Conversations

Talk regularly about what your child plays, who they play with, and their online experiences.

Set Clear Expectations

Discuss appropriate behavior, language, game time, spending limits, and who they can play with.

Use Parental Controls

Set privacy settings, limit voice/text chat, manage friend requests, and control purchases.

Encourage Healthy Habits

Balance game time with school, activities, sleep, and face-to-face relationships.

Stay Informed

Learn about new features, game modes, and trends so you can have meaningful conversations.

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Privacy Settings

Control Who Can See and Contact Your Child

- Set your account to Private.
- Limit who can send friend requests.
- Choose who can see your child's party, invite, and game status.
- Disable or limit voice and text chat.
- Review and adjust privacy settings regularly.

Account Security

Keeps Your Child's Account Safe

- Use a strong, unique password.
- Turn on two-factor authentication when available.
- Be cautious of phishing links and fake V-Bucks offers.
- Do not share account credentials with others.
- Monitor recent account activity.

Good to Know

- Fortnite includes multiple game modes, some of which may not be suitable for younger players.
- Players can create their own islands and experiences in Creative mode.
- In-game purchases are optional, but can be expensive if not monitored.
- Safety tools and features may change over time, so check current settings regularly.

Practical Tips for Using Fortnite Safely

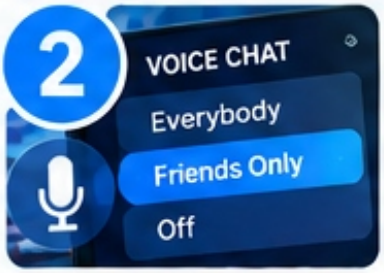
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Play with People You Know

Encourage your child to play with friends and family they know in real life. Be cautious of joining games with strangers.

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Manage Voice and Text Chat

Limit or disable voice chat. Use Friends Only or Party Only settings. Remind your child to be respectful and avoid sharing personal information.

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Talk About In-Game Purchases

Discuss the cost of V-Bucks, skins, and battle passes. Set spending limits and use parental controls to require approval for purchases.

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Watch for Inappropriate Content

Some emotes, skins, islands, or user-created content may not be suitable for younger players. Review game modes and age ratings together.

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Be Aware of Online Behavior

Talk about toxic behavior, cyberbullying, and cheating. Encourage your child to report and block players who use inappropriate language or behavior.

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Use Reporting Tools

Fortnite has built-in tools to report inappropriate behavior, block players, and mute voice or text chat. Encourage your child to use these tools if they feel uncomfortable.

Official Fortnite Resources

Fortnite Safety Center
Tips, tools, and resources for a safer Fortnite experience.
https://www.fortnite.com/safety

Parental Controls
Learn how to set up parental controls for Fortnite and Epic Games accounts.
https://www.epicgames.com/help

Community Rules
Review community rules, reporting tools, and acceptable use guidelines.
https://www.fortnite.com/community-rules

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