The Easy Guide to Socialising Online

While socialising online can be fun, it’s also important to be safe, be smart and play your part.

What is the Easy Guide to Socialising Online?
The Easy Guide to Socialising Online (the Easy Guide) provides information about the cybersafety features of different social networking sites, search engines and online games. It provides clear step by step instructions on how to adjust your privacy settings as well as site specific advice on how to report cyberbullying, abuse and inappropriate content.

The Easy Guide brings together many cybersafety resources for parents, educators and young people as well as providing tips on how to stay safe on social media sites.

Who is it for?
Everyone! The Easy Guide is designed to assist people of all ages, with varying knowledge of the internet.

Where can I find it?

How do I use it?
The Easy Guide to Socialising Online is interactive and easy to use. Once you are on the site, you simply click on what you want to do. Its features include:

- **Find out about different social media sites** – Learn about the different safety features that are available across a variety of social networking sites, search engines and online games. Here you can learn about the cybersafety features of each site listed in the Easy Guide.

- **Overview of features on all sites** – A quick summary of the key cybersafety features of all of the sites that are included in the Easy Guide. This includes a quick reference guide with helpful tables and facts.

- **Cybersafety tips and factsheets** – General advice about how to stay safe online using any social media site, even those not listed in the Easy Guide. Here you will also see links to other helpful resources.

- **About the Easy Guide to Socialising Online** – Discover further information about the Easy Guide such as how it was developed, frequently asked questions and further links and tips.

What other resources are there?
The Cybersafety Help Button is a free downloadable resource providing a one-stop-shop for cybersafety information. The Help Button is easy to install and access is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can download the Help Button by visiting the department’s website www.dbcde.gov.au/helpbutton

For those 13 years or over, you can also stay connected on cybersafety events and information on the Australian Government’s Cybersafety Help Facebook page www.facebook.com/cybersafetyhelp

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A ‘one stop shop’ for advice and support, making the online world a safer place!

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The Help Button is an initiative that was developed in consultation with the Australian Government’s Youth Advisory Group on Cybersafety, as well as the Consultative Working Group on Cybersafety which includes representatives from industry such as Microsoft, Yahoo!, Google, Facebook, non government organisations and government agencies.

Who is it for?

Everyone! The Help Button is designed to assist users of any age including children, parents, teachers and older Australians. It provides easy to understand information, advice and reporting functions to encourage people everywhere to be safe, to be smart, and to play their part, creating a safe online world for all Australians.

How do I use it?

Once downloaded onto your mobile device or computer, the Help Button either sits on your desktop or can be minimised to sit on the taskbar. When clicked, the Help Button provides users with the option to TALK to someone such as the Kids Helpline about issues that are of concern, REPORT inappropriate online content or behaviour to the appropriate authorities, and LEARN about how to be a good digital citizen through our many educational resources.

How do I get it?

The Help Button may already be installed on your school’s computers, if not check with a teacher. Outside of school the Help Button can be accessed on mobile devices including iPhone, iPad, Android and Blackberry along with web browsers including Internet Explorer and Google Chrome. It can also be downloaded directly onto your personal laptop or computer. You can access the Help Button download information by visiting the department’s website www.dbcde.gov.au/helpbutton

What other resources are there?

The Easy Guide to Socialising Online provides cybersafety information for social networking sites, search engines and online games. Here you will find step by step instructions on how to adjust privacy controls, report cyberbullying, abuse and inappropriate content on these sites. You can access the Easy Guide from the Help Button or from the department’s website www.dbcde.gov.au/easyguide

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Need assistance or technical support?

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Cybersafety Resources and Initiatives

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Youth Advisory Group on Cybersafety
The Youth Advisory Group (YAG) is a group of young Australians aged between 8 and 17 who provide a young person’s perspective on cybersafety issues through a secure online forum. YAG plays a critical role in providing advice to government on cybersafety and the development of cybersafety policy, resources and educational material.

All Australian primary and secondary schools are able to register to participate in the YAG. Following the online consultations, a Cybersafety Summit is held for YAG members, their parents or carers, teachers and industry representatives providing an opportunity to come together in one place and talk about cybersafety.

If you want to find out more about the YAG, go to www.dbcde.gov.au/yag

Teachers and Parents Advisory Group on Cybersafety
The Teachers and Parents Advisory Group (TAP) gives parents and teachers the opportunity to become more involved in addressing cybersafety issues. Members of TAP discuss cybersafety via an online forum and through face to face consultations. The TAP is open to all Australian parents and teachers who are associated with a school in Australia. Register today at www.dbcde.gov.au/cybersafetyplan

Cybersafety Help Facebook Page
The Australian Government's Cybersafety Help Facebook Page provides a gateway for online resources and discussion of cybersafety issues. Through the page, visitors can be kept up to date on current cybersafety news and find links to educational resources.

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Contact Name  
Organisation/School

**Postal Address**  
Contact Number  
Email Address

☐ Tick here if you would like to receive electronic cybersafety articles and graphics that can be used for newsletters or to promote cybersafety on your website.

☐ Tick here if you would like to express interest in your school joining the Youth Advisory Group on Cybersafety (YAG). For details about YAG visit: [www.dbcde.gov.au/yag](http://www.dbcde.gov.au/yag)


**How to submit your order**

Email your completed order form to: helpbutton@dbcde.gov.au  
Mail your completed order form to:  
The Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy  
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