

# Welcome to the May 2020 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents

## Looking for games for children, teenagers and adults?

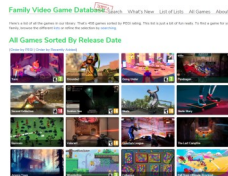
### Family Video Games Database

- 458 [games](#) hand-picked and tested with families over long periods of time
- Games added and updated through continued testing with families
- Every game is presented for parents and carers to find and make an informed choice of games for children, teenagers and adults
- All [Taming Gaming](#) games are [PEGI](#) rated

For more guidance on:

- Healthy gaming
- Family settings
- Setting ground rules

Visit [AskAboutGames.com](http://AskAboutGames.com)



### Corona Virus Help

Lots of useful games for families staying at home:

- [Hope Through Play](#)
- [Be A Good Neighbour](#)
- [Find Calm From The Storm](#)
- [Educational Games That Are Also Good Games](#)
- [Get Fit Playing Great Games](#)

## PEGI Ratings

Age ratings **3,7,12,16** and **18** ensure that entertainment content – such as films, DVDs, and games – is clearly labelled for the minimum age group for which it is suitable.

The [PEGI](#) scheme was devised and introduced in 2003 to provide guidance to consumers to help them decide whether or not to buy a particular product

[PEGI](#) ratings 12, 16 and 18 are legally enforceable in the UK, meaning they cannot be supplied to persons below those age bar



**RECOMMENDATION** – when buying a game for anyone under the age of 18, always check the age rating to see if it is suitable for the end-user

### Smartphones and tablets?

PEGI ratings are being applied to all products in the Google Play (Android) and Windows stores.

### Find out what you need to know about a Video Game in just a few minutes!

View short [videos](#) for many games which provide a quick, clear introduction to the content that matters most to families. Including:

- **ROBLOX** – PEGI 7+
- **Call of Duty Black Ops** – PEGI 18+
- **Fortnite** - PEGI 12+

**Remember FREE** advice is just a phone call away from the O<sub>2</sub> and NSPCC helpline **0808 800 5002**  
Or visit any O<sub>2</sub> Guru in an O<sub>2</sub> store

## New videos from Childnet to use at home with 6-9 year olds

3 videos for families to use together covering:

- [What information do you keep safe online](#)
- [What types of people do you meet and communicate with online](#)
- [What you should and shouldn't accept online](#)

Each video has:

- Clear online safety advice, specifically tailored for children 6-9 years old
- 10-15 minutes of fun activities

## Tips for staying safe on a ZOOM call

Use the following advice to keep yourself and your attendees safer if you are using Zoom to make calls:

### Setting up the meeting

- Ensure you generate an auto ID – don't use your default session ID based on your username
- Include a password

### Advanced section

- Enable a waiting room
- Mute participants on entry

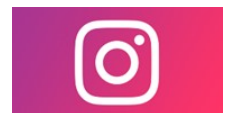
### On call functions

- Don't 'ADMIT ALL' when attendees join
  - Use a virtual background to hide your background
- Review above and find out more [here](#)

## Instagram announces new features to combat cyber-bullying

### Instagram announces 3 new features:

1. Managing unwanted interactions
2. Highlighting positive comments
3. Choosing who can tag and mention you



Find out how and much more from [Internet Matters](#)

Find out how to navigate Social Media safely including: WhatsApp; Facebook parent portal and Instagram [here](#)

## More Advice, Tips and Guides

Visit the NSPCC's [Share Aware](#) website and check the T&Cs plus [Age Recommendations](#) [here](#)

Visit [CommonSense Media's](#) website to review videos, games and Apps [here](#) Review before your children!

For a range of Tips, Advice and guides from age-specific online safety checklists to guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, visit [InternetMatters'](#) website [here](#)

## Need help!

**For young people** - depending on the age of your child there are a range of places they can go for help, younger children [call Childline \(0800 1111\)](#) for help and support older children [The Mix](#) offer free and practical advice

Stay Safe!

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