

Glossary of Related Terms

Blogging & Social Networking is part of a social and technological revolution that some people are calling Web 2.0. What's different about it is the ease with which anyone can produce and distribute their own content and link with like-minded sites to create a very powerful network for sharing ideas and influence opinion. Young people especially love this new environment because they can have a powerful voice to express their identity and opinions. However there are safety issues to consider for both young users, parents, industry and education.

<http://www.childnet.com/blogsafety/index.html>

Cyber bullying is the use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), particularly mobile phones and the internet, deliberately to upset someone else.

<http://www.digizen.org/cyberbullying>

Downloading refers to receiving information or data electronically usually through the Internet; this could include saving a document or picture from a website or media streaming, e.g. music or video. Uploading is the inverse; sending and saving information or data from a local system e.g. mobile phone or computer, to a remote system, e.g. a website

<http://www.childnet.com/downloading>

E-Safety is the process of limiting risks to children and young people when using Information and Communications Technology (ICT). E-safety is primarily a safeguarding issue not a technological issue, which relates to the use of all ICT- fixed or mobile; current, emerging and future ICT.

Filtering software can help to block a lot of inappropriate material but they are not 100% effective and are no substitute for good parental involvement. Internet use at school is generally filtered, supervised and safe. But many children use the Net at friends' homes, Internet cafes, libraries and youth clubs where there may be no filters and little supervision.

A **Firewall** is a buffer between your computer and the Internet. It limits both incoming and outgoing information, and keeps your computer safe from intruders. It can't stop you downloading spyware, but it can alert you if a program is sending information over the Internet without your permission.

Hacking is when your details, online accounts or other personal information is accessed by a stranger.

<http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre>

ICT – Information and Communications Technology, e.g. mobile phones, gaming consoles, computers, email, social networking.

Identity Theft is “when your personal information is used by someone else without your knowledge. It may support criminal activity, which could involve fraud or deception”. [The Home Office]

<http://www.childnet.com/sorted>

LADO - Local Area Designated Officer. The LADO is appointed by the local authority to manage allegations against people who work with children and young people.

LSCB - Children can only be safeguarded properly if the key agencies work effectively together. Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) are designed to help ensure that this happens. The core membership of LSCBs is set out in the Children Act 2004, and includes local authorities, health bodies, the police and others. The objective of LSCBs is to coordinate and to ensure the effectiveness of their member agencies in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

Spam & Phishing - "Spam: Commercial e-mails, generally advertising products or services available to buy online, sent to a large number of recipients without their consent. Phishing: Internet fraudsters who send spam or pop-up messages to lure personal information from unsuspecting victims." [US Federal Trade Commission]

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Spyware & Adware - “A general term for malicious software that is designed to take control of a computer without the consent of the user. Adware is one type of spyware - computer programs in which commercial advertisements are automatically shown to the user without their consent.” [Wikipedia.org]

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URL – Universal Resource Locator or website address

VoIP - Voice Over Internet Protocol “commonly refers to the communication protocols, technologies, methodologies, and transmission techniques involved in the delivery of voice communications and multimedia sessions over Internet Protocol (IP) networks, such as Internet”. [Wikipedia.org]