

Dear parents,

Letter to Parents

Every student is getting excited as the summer holidays are just around the corner and students are likely to spend more time playing online games. However, summer also provides a golden chance for criminals to reach and poison youngsters via online gaming platforms and social media. We are writing to remind you and your children to be aware of the potential risks of online games and to raise your children's immunity to online traps.

Multiple unfortunate incidents have happened where teenagers were deceived by trusting strangers online. In recent months, a 9-year old girl was tricked by a friend she met in an online gaming platform to share her nude photos in exchange for game props which were never realised, while a F.1 student was deceived to transfer \$7,000 worth online weapons upon receiving a message from a purported game administrator accusing him of stealing online weapons. Also, a 16-year-old boy mistakenly believed a text message allegedly recruiting for part time online movie promoters, thus falling pray into clickbait scam and losing \$26,000. Apart from financial losses, the psychological impacts on the young victims could be significant. In some severe circumstances, victims might even suffer suicidal tendency. Therefore, parents should learn more about their children's activities in online games.

Here are some tips for you:

- Company your children to use the computer and have fun together.
- Teach your children to recognise and handle illicit information and pitfalls online.
- Check the age-appropriate levels and privacy settings of online games.
- Use privacy and filtering features on operating systems, browsers and social media platforms.
- Report any crime involving your children to police immediately to prevent further harm to them.

Facing various online pitfalls, we shall protect our next generation by nurturing their digital literacy, teaching them to use the Internet smartly and developing good online habits. Let's safeguard our youth and build a safer community together.

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親愛的家長：

給家長的信

莘莘學子期待的暑假即將來臨，相信屆時他們會花不少時間參與網上遊戲。然而，暑期也是不法分子利用遊戲平台和社交媒體接觸和荼毒青少年的黃金時間。我們藉此信件希望你及你的子女了解網上遊戲平台的潛在風險，並升他們對網絡陷阱的免疫力。

青少年因誤信陌生網友而受傷害的個案時有發生。近日，一名九歲女童為交換網上遊戲道具遭誘騙自拍裸照；也有中一男生收到假冒線上遊戲管理員的訊息指聲他盜取了虛擬武器並要求償還，結果被騙去價值七千元的虛擬武器。另外，一名十六歲男學生誤信自來短訊假稱聘請兼職網上電影點讚員，因而誤墮刷單騙案，並損失逾二萬六千元。受害青少年除了蒙受經濟損失外，也可能遭遇到心理創傷，嚴重者甚至出現自殘想法。因此，家長應多了解青少年在網上遊戲平台的交友和活動情況。

以下是給你們的幾個建議：

- 鼓勵父母多陪伴子女上網，分享使用電腦的樂趣。
- 從小教導子女辨別和應對網上不良資訊和詐騙陷阱。
- 檢視網上遊戲的適齡級別及隱私設定。
- 善用作業系統、瀏覽器和社交平台私隱權限和過濾功能。
- 如發現子女遇上罪案，應立即報警求助，避免子女受進一步傷害。

面對種種網絡陷阱，我們必須培養他們的數碼素養，讓他們懂得智用網絡，並養成良好上網習慣。讓我們一起守護下一代，建立更安全的城市！

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