

E-Safety



1 What are internet connected devices?

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Many families have internet connected devices for their child or home. Internet connected devices are devices or toys that are connected to the internet via WiFi, Bluetooth or a physical connection like a USB cable. They can also be connected to each other.

Internet connected devices can send and receive data, respond to voice commands and be controlled remotely using a smartphone app. They can also be called 'the internet of things'.

Tips for keeping your family safe

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| Do your research | + |
| Read safety instructions | + |
| Check apps and settings | + |
| Be careful with passwords | + |
| Set up parental controls | + |
| Switch off devices you're not using | + |
| Talk to your child | + |

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For top tips about keeping safe on games, see-
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/internet-connected-devices/>

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Internet connected devices can have similar risks to devices like smartphones and tablets. These can be more likely to happen if the devices aren't set up properly.

Some of the risks of using internet connected devices are:

- other people might be able to access the device and content without you knowing such as a child's GPS activity tracker
- you may not be able to see that someone's connected to your device, but sometimes developers or hackers can see your content
- baby monitors, children's tablets and even remote-control helicopters or drone toys, can be hacked and used by people outside of your home
- internet connected devices can collect personal data, including audio and visual data.