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Roblox and Online Games

Hidden Risks Every Parent Should Know

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Understanding online games, social interaction, and how children can be protected

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Introduction

Online games are a normal part of childhood today. Games such as Roblox and other multiplayer platforms allow children to play, create, explore and communicate with others around the world.

For many families, gaming is a positive experience. However, what is often overlooked is that modern online games are also social platforms, not just games.

Children do not only play. They chat, make friends, join groups and communicate – sometimes with people they have never met in real life.

This brochure was created to help parents understand:

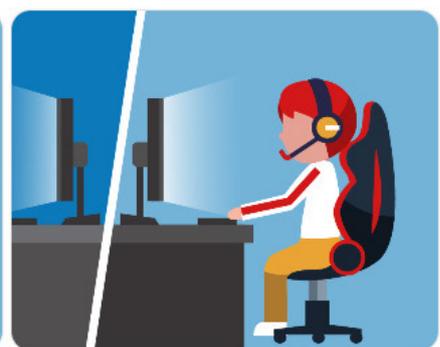
- how communication in games works,
- why conversations often move outside games,
- and how children can become vulnerable without realising it.
- Our aim is awareness, not fear.

Games as Social Platforms

Games like Roblox include features such as:

- text chat,
- voice chat,
- private messages,
- friend requests,
- groups, clubs and private servers.
- To a child, these features feel normal and harmless.
- To an adult with bad intentions, they can become tools.
- Online games today function very similarly to social media platforms – but many parents are not aware of this shift.

1 Online games as social platforms



Roblox and Other Multiplayer Games

Roblox is one of the most popular platforms among children, but it is not the only one. Many online games share similar features,

including:

- Minecraft
- Fortnite
- Among Us
- VR and mobile multiplayer games
- All of these environments allow communication between users of different ages.
- Not every interaction is dangerous.
- But mixed-age platforms always carry risk when safeguards and awareness are missing.

2 Roblox and other multiplayer games

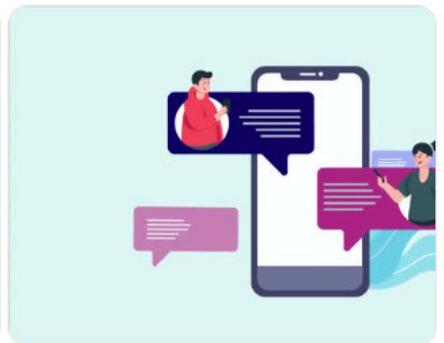


Moving Conversations Outside the Game

A common and important risk pattern is the movement of conversations:

- Game → External App
- Children are often encouraged to move chats to apps such as Discord, where:
- conversations become private,
- voice calls are common,
- messages are harder for parents to monitor.
- Once communication leaves the game, parents often lose visibility and control.
- This does not automatically mean something bad is happening –
- but it increases vulnerability.

3 Moving conversations outside the game (Roblox → Discord)



INTERNET SAFETY



I have a Safety Network.



My accounts are set to private.



I have strong passwords which are hard for someone to guess.



I know not to give out private details such as my address, phone number or my schools



I only use my device in public spaces.



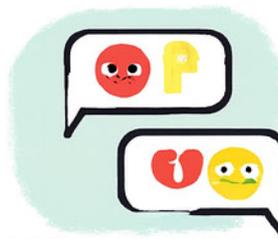
I only accept friend requests from people I know.



My trusted adults know who I am chatting with online.



I don't meet people from online in real life without my safe adult knowing and coming with me.



I don't post harmful or mean content before I post or share it.



I ask for a person's consent before I post or share about them.



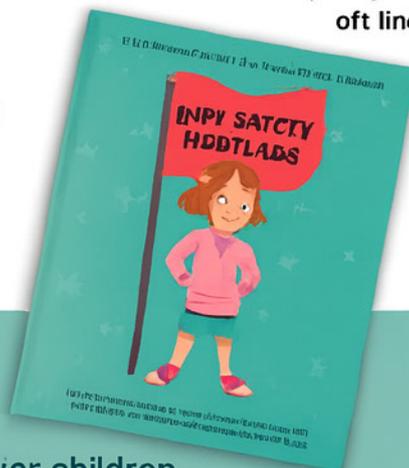
I would not care if the whole school knew what I posted or



I have a safe adult I can talk to if anything online or offline



YES



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Adults Pretending to Be Children

One of the most serious online risks is when adults pretend to be children.

They may:

- use child-like avatars,
- speak in a similar way to children,
- show interest in the same games,
- slowly build trust over time.
- This process is gradual and often invisible to parents.
- Children may believe they are talking to someone their own age.
- Trust is not broken suddenly – it is built step by step.

4 Adults pretending to be children



Why Children Are Vulnerable

Children are targeted because they:

- are naturally trusting,
- want to belong,
- seek friendship and approval,
- do not yet recognise manipulation.
- Risks may include:
 - emotional manipulation,
 - grooming,
 - pressure to keep secrets,
 - financial scams involving gift cards or in-game currency.
- This does not happen to every child –
- but any child can be affected.

Warning Signs Parents Should Notice

Parents should pay attention if a child:

- becomes secretive about online activity,
- suddenly hides screens or deletes messages,
- receives virtual gifts or in-game currency unexpectedly,
- becomes emotionally withdrawn or anxious,
- is pressured to move conversations to private apps.
- These signs do not always mean danger –
- but they always mean a conversation is needed.

5 Warning signs parents should notice



What Parents Can Do

Protection starts with awareness and communication.

Parents can:

- learn how the game works,
- review privacy and chat settings,
- talk openly with children about online friendships,
- explain that secrets online are not safe,
- encourage children to speak up if something feels wrong.
- Trust grows through conversation, not control.

Key Message

Online games are not the enemy. Silence and lack of awareness are. When parents understand digital environments, children are safer, more confident, and better protected.

6 What parents can do – protection through conversation



7 Safety checklist (zadní strana)



About Anti-Scam Center LTD

Anti-Scam Center LTD is a UK-based organisation dedicated to:

- online safety,
- fraud prevention,
- and digital awareness for families and communities.
- We believe that education is the strongest form of protection, especially for children.

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Mission Statement:

ANTI-SCAM CENTER LTD is committed to prevention through education. Our work focuses on helping families, schools and communities understand digital risks and protect children in an increasingly connected world.



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