

Key Cyber Safe Staffordshire messages

What is Cyber Crime?

Cyber crime is a crime such as fraud, bullying, theft or grooming that is committed online (on the internet) using a device that can access the web, such as smartphones, tablets or other devices. Cyber crime also includes crimes against your computer or device such as contaminating or corrupting it with viruses or taking-over your social media profile, email account or your website.

What is illegal offline is illegal online.

You can find more information at: www.staffordshire.police.uk/cybercrime

- **Look for the Padlock Sign**

Check there is a padlock in the box where the address appears for the website if you are paying for something online.

- **Look carefully at emails you are sent**

Criminals can try to get money from you by sending emails that, at a quick glance, look like they may be from a bank or other organisation.

Don't click on links in emails you are sent – especially those that are asking for passwords or your bank account details.

- **Don't share personal information or your address online**

Criminals can steal your identity and use it to steal money. To reduce the chance of identity theft, don't give out information to people you are communicating with online. Don't share where you live, your address or your bank details as all of this can help criminals steal money from you and your parents.

Make sure you know the risks and think before sharing images online – they could be shared with people you do not know – you can find out more at: www.knowaboutcse.co.uk



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- **Bullying online is a crime**

Trolling, bullying and harassment online whether through Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook or other social media is a crime. Make sure you know how to report it and how to block people from your accounts. Look out for signs your friends may be bullied online too.