

# KEEPING SAFE IN THE GAME



## Keeping safe when gaming

Avoid providing other players with your:

- \* full name
- \* address
- \* age
- \* phone number

## If a player/s makes you feel uncomfortable:

- \* block the person
- \* leave the game
- \* report them to the administrator
- \* tell a parent or someone you trust
- \* change your player profile.

## If you are cyberbullied when gaming:

- \* don't respond
- \* take screen captures to collect the evidence
- \* report serious cyberbullying to the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner.

## In-app game purchases

Some apps allow you to buy additional content or services within the app.

Avoid losing money by:

- \* turning off in-app purchases in the settings
- \* reading every message and by being alert
- \* limiting spending by using a pre-paid card.

## Balancing online time

Spending many hours gaming can affect your health, family and school work.

Signs you might be spending too much time gaming include:

- \* headaches, eye strain and being tired
- \* arguing or lying to parents/carers about your gaming time
- \* not completing homework
- \* spending less face-to-face time with family and friends.

## The golden rules of gaming

When gaming:

- \* treat other players how you would like to be treated
- \* in a closed group – assume other people will see what you post – be respectful of others and use appropriate language
- \* behave in a way, you would be happy for your teacher, parent/carer or your grandparent to read or see.

## Complementary activities

Check out some of our gaming resources on the esafety website including:

- \* Balancing online time
- \* Online gaming
- \* Our #GameOn video series

Check out our games, apps and social networking page.