

# Let's talk about red flags online

A Virtual Classroom webinar for Year 3 and 4 students



Student name:

Date:

We are going to learn about:

- safe and unsafe behaviours online
- safe and unsafe secrets online
- inappropriate questions and requests.

## The colour red is often used as a warning of danger

It can be used as a sign to indicate what is and what is not safe, like the way that lifeguards use flags to indicate where it's safe to swim at the beach.

1. Why should you swim between the flags at the beach?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

2. If you swim outside the flags, what type of dangers or risks are more likely?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

## Safe and unsafe behaviours online

3. Choose the avatar/image most likely to be a 12-year-old girl.

a. ☐

b. ☐

c. ☐

4. How do you know who to trust online?

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## Safe adults

5. List three qualities of a safe adult. For example: 'They listen to me'.

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

6. POLL: Have you ever come across something online you were unsure about and asked a safe adult to help you?

Tick your response: Yes ☐ No ☐

How many students in your class said 'Yes' and how many said 'No'?

Record the number of answers here: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### Case study

Jasmine was using a new app that allowed her to upload a selfie and add filters. She showed her selfies to her school friends, who thought they were cool. Jasmine then decided to upload the images and share them with her cousins overseas. She thought she uploaded them to her cousins only, but her setting was set to public, and everyone could see them. People she didn't know started sending messages and leaving comments, including older strangers.

7. Which of the comments do you think were red flags for Jasmine?

- ☐ Wow, you look amazing.
- ☐ How old are you?
- ☐ Try the cat filters.
- ☐ I wish you had taken the selfie in your swimmers.
- ☐ You are very creative.
- ☐ Can you send some of your selfies to my phone?



Remember, if you encounter red flag issues online, you can go to your team of safe and trusted adults for help or information. They might include your:

- family
- friends
- teachers
- a support service like Kids Helpline ([kidshelpline.com.au](https://www.kidshelpline.com.au))
- eSafety ([eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au))
- eSafety Kids ([eSafety.gov.au/kids](https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids))

## Next steps

Start a conversation with your family about what you have learnt today.  
You can follow these steps:

- Take this worksheet home to share with your parents or carers.
- Show your family the eSafety pages for parents and carers at [eSafety.gov.au/parents](https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents).
- Tell them about the eSafety parent and carer webinars to keep up to date with the latest online safety issues and advice. Visit [eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars).
- Let your parents and carers know that they can sign up to the eSafety newsletter at [eSafety.gov.au/subscribe](https://www.esafety.gov.au/subscribe).

