

Online gaming for young people with disability



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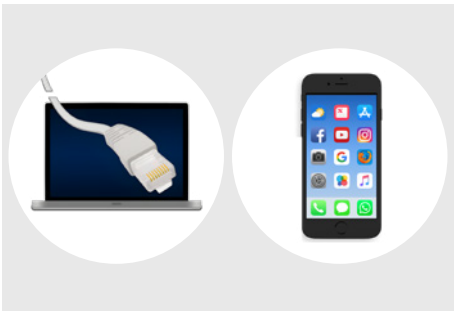
eSafetyCommissioner

The **eSafety Commissioner** wrote this information.

We will say **eSafety** for short.



eSafety helps people in Australia stay safe **online**.



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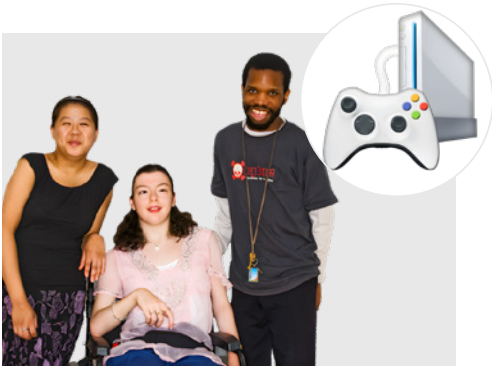
- The internet
- Apps on your phone.



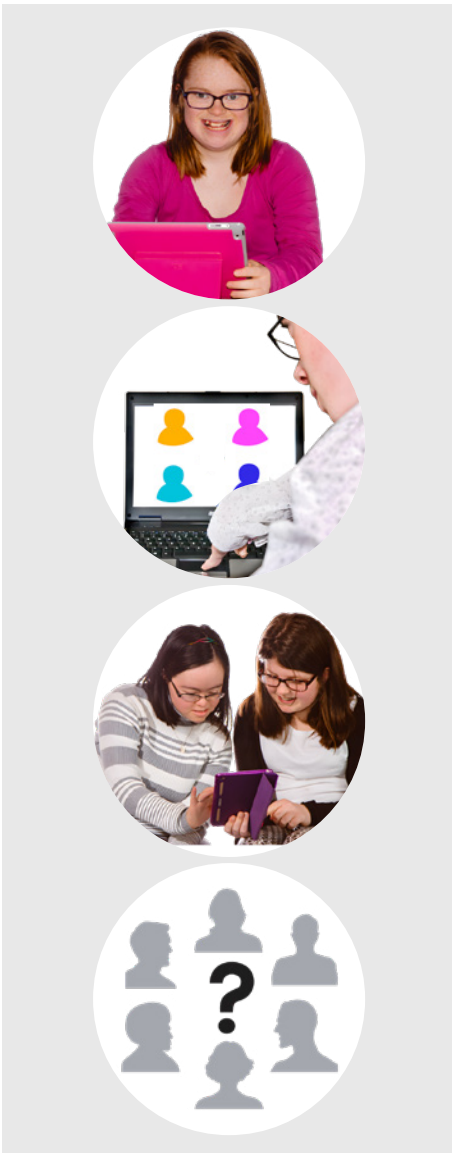
This information is about **online gaming** for young people with disability from 8 to 17 years old.



Online gaming is when you play video or computer games online.



Lots of young people with disability like to play games online.



Online gaming is a way for them to

- Have fun
- Relax
- Play with people
- Choose who they want to be.



But bad things can sometimes happen to young people with disability when they play games online.

Young people with disability can



- Be left out of games



- Be treated badly.

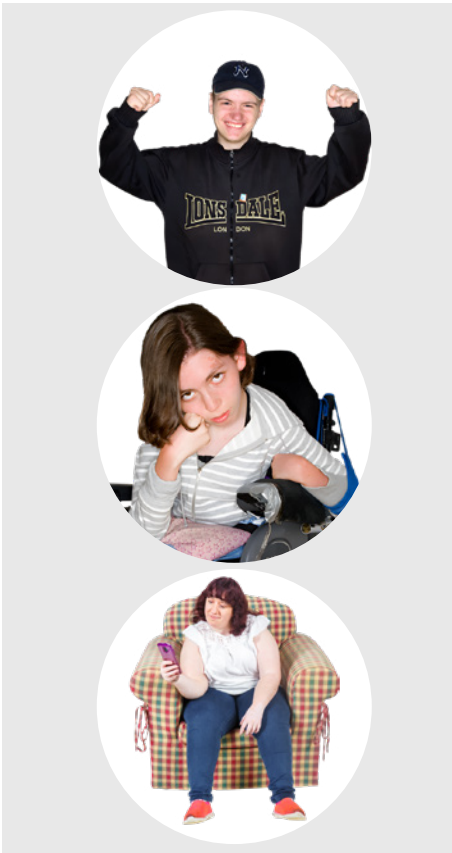


We wanted to find out what online gaming is like for young people with disability.



This information is what we found out.

What we found out

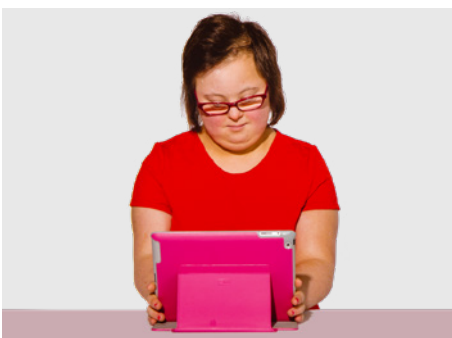


Many young people with disability play online games to

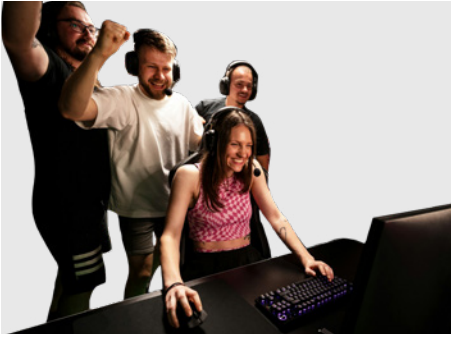
- Have fun
- Stop being bored
- Relax.



Online gaming can help young people with disability learn more about who they are.



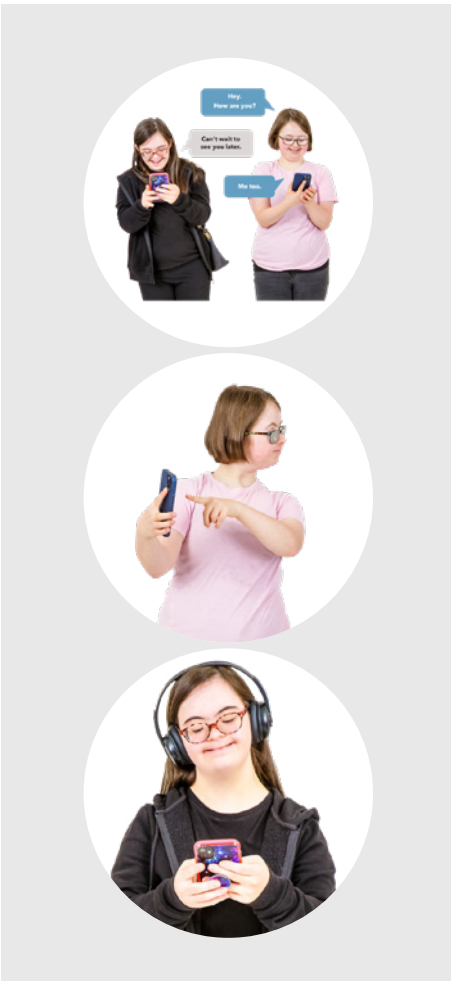
Most young people with disability have played an online game.



They play the same online games as young people who do not have disability.



Boys with disability play online games more than girls with disability.



Young people with disability say online gaming helps them

- Meet other people
- Learn new things
- Feel better.



Most young people with disability have helped another player in an online game.

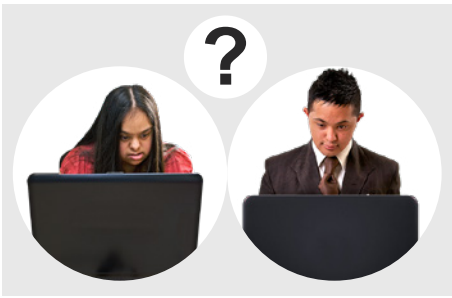


Most young people with disability have had another player be nice to them.



Most young people with disability play online games with

- Family
- Friends
- Other people they know.



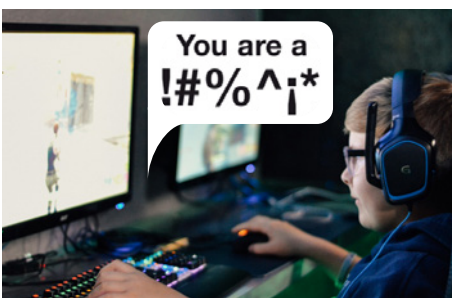
Some young people with disability play online games with people they do not know.



Most young people with disability say online gaming makes them feel happy and calm.



But almost half of them have been **bullied** in an online game.



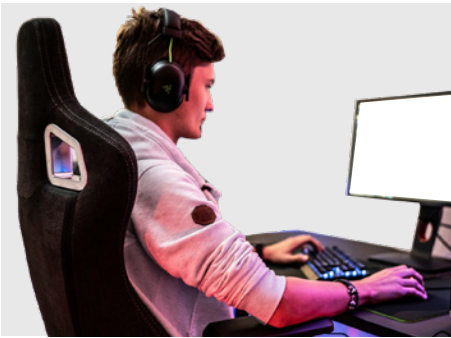
Bullied means someone treats you in a way that makes you feel bad or hurt.



A lot of young people with disability are bullied by being left out.



Almost all young people with disability who are bullied try to stop it.



Lots of young people with disability say they have seen bad things on online games.

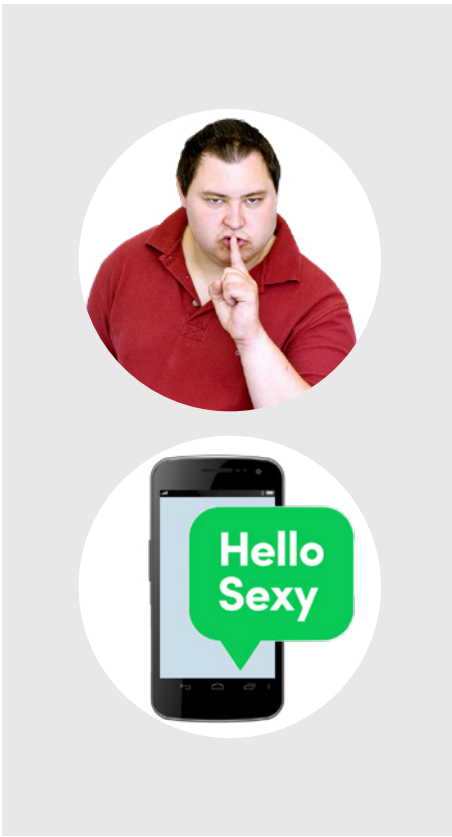


They have seen things like

- Players talking about other people in a bad way
- Pictures or videos that are **violent**.

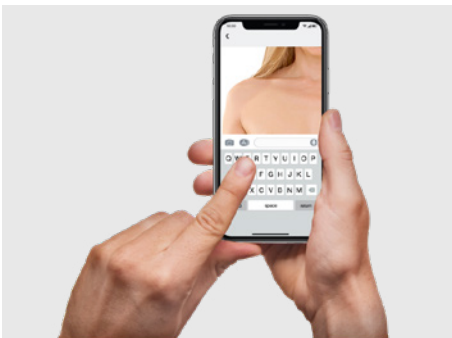


Violent means someone gets hurt.



Some young people with disability say other players have asked them to do bad things like

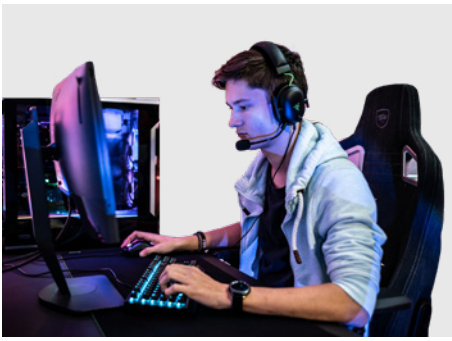
- Keep a secret
- Send **naked** pictures or videos of themselves.



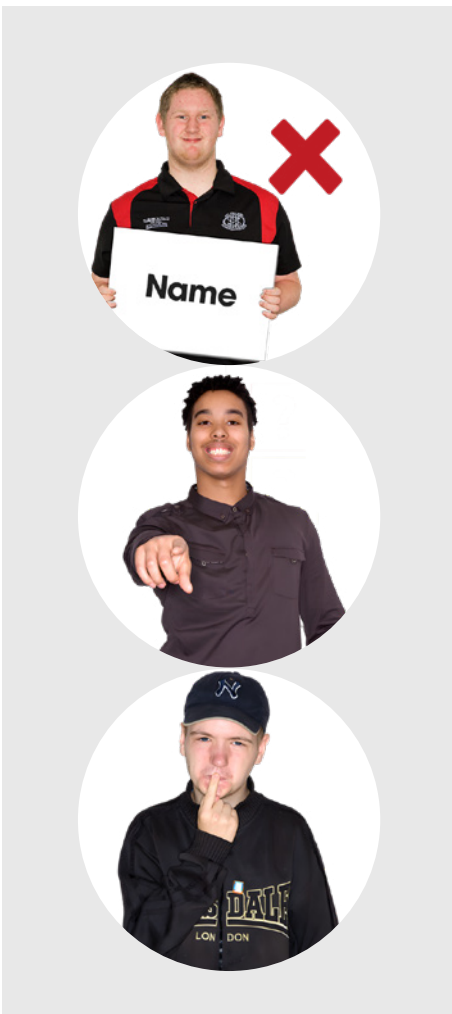
Naked means you do not have any clothes on.



People are not allowed to ask you to do that.



Most young people with disability do things to stay safe when they play games online.



They do things like

- Not share personal stuff like their name
- Choose who they play with and talk to
- Not talk to other players.



Lots of parents and caregivers say they worry about their child playing games online.



Lots of parents and caregivers do things to keep their child safe when they play games online.

They do things like



- Teach their child ways to be safe when they play games online

- Make rules about when their child plays games online.

What we think



There are lots of good things about online gaming for young people with disability.



But there are also lots of **risks** for them.



Risks are bad things that could happen.



We need more ways to keep young people with disability safe when they play online games.



Online games need to be **accessible** for people with disability.



Accessible means people with disability can play online games like anyone else.

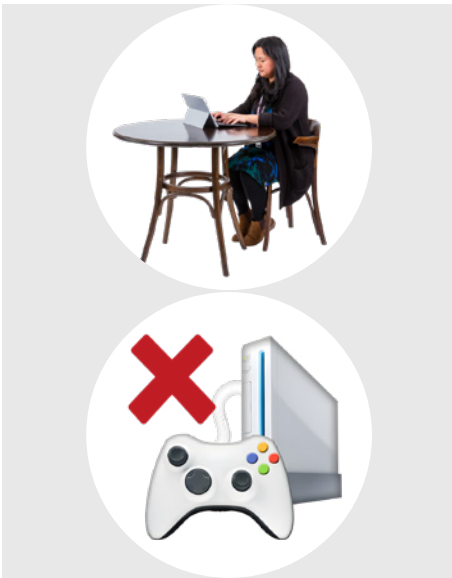


This will keep young people with disability

- Safe
- Being part of things.



There should be more ways for young people with disability who are the same age to play online games together.



Online games could

- Check if players use bad words or pictures
- Not let people play if they break the rules.



We should make sure online games use **assistive technology**.



Assistive technology is something that helps people with disability play games online.



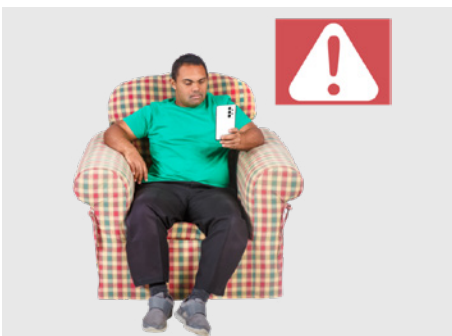
An alt controller is a type of assistive technology.



We should find out what technology will give better support to young gamers with disability.



There could be easier ways to make a **report** about an online game.



A **report** is when you tell someone that something bad happened in the online game.

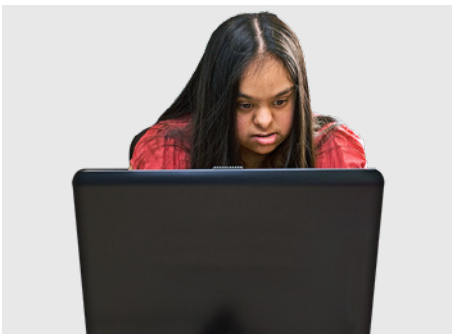


Online games should tell players how to make a report.

There should be



- Better ways to make sure all players follow the rules in an online game
- Programs that support young people with disability to join in online gaming.



Young people with disability need to know what to do if someone bullies them online.



They also need to know how to stay safe when they play games online with people they do not know.

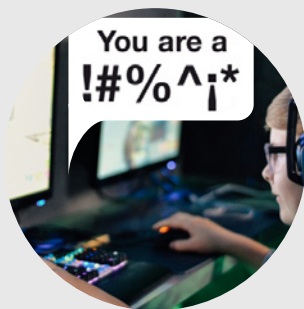
The information should say things like



- What not to tell people



- What not to share with people

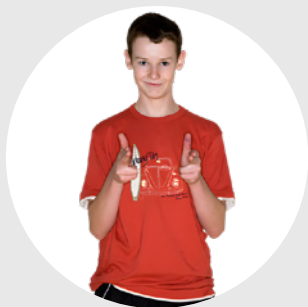


- What to do if someone is nasty to you or to another player.



There should be information for parents and caregivers of young people with disability.

The information should say



- The good things online gaming can do for their child with disability



- How to keep their child with disability safe in games



- How long to let their child play online games



- What games are the most safe to play.

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