

ONLINE GAMING DANGERS

6 out
of 10

children over the age
of 2 play video games.
More than a 1/3 play
exclusively on mobile
devices.

Children can be exposed to a
variety of dangers including:

**Cyberbullying, online predators, and radicalization
for domestic and international terrorist cells.**

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Here are some of the **most common examples** of online threats:

Cyberbullying: Some cyberbullies will target players directly with harmful, derogatory messages. Take screenshots and report it to the game and/or local law enforcement.

Privacy: Never create usernames based on real names or include other personal identifiable information. Hackers might be able to create a false identity with your child's name.

Webcams & Microphones: Webcams and microphones may be controlled remotely by cyber attackers. Ensure webcams and microphones are defaulted to "off" and put tape over the camera when not in use.

Online Predators: Predators may partner with children in online games to build trust before trying to meet in person. Talk about risks and monitor your child's gameplay.

Personal Information: Before replacing old gaming consoles, wipe the memory and delete your profiles. Criminals will target old consoles for personal information.

If you see suspicious behavior while online, report activity to the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center at ociac.ca.gov.

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