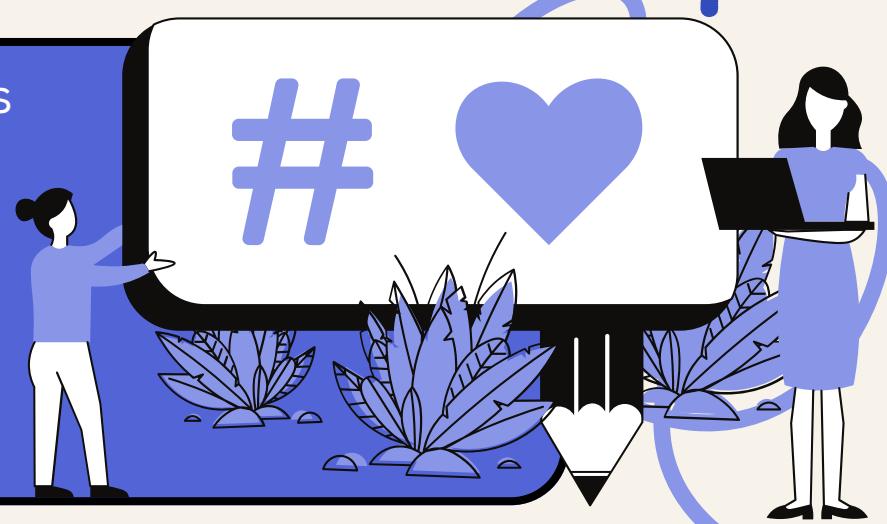


Stay Safe Team Online Safety Newsletter

This time of year, often brings new gadgets and devices into our homes. Technology can be a wonderful gift, giving opportunities for learning, connection, and fun. The right device to buy, may not be the latest model, but choosing the safest device helps keep your child safe and happy.



5 Smart Tech Tips for Parents.

1. Choose Age-Appropriate devices.
2. Look for a device designed for children and teens.
3. Check for robust parental controls.
4. Think about the Apps, screen time limits you want to set and
5. Talk about how to keep safe online with your child!

Where to go for support

To learn more about parental controls and supporting your children online visit:



internet
matters.org

Why Choosing the Right Device Matters.

- Selecting devices designed for your child's age group ensures they are protected by built in safety features.
- Considering how the device will be used, may inform your choice of an affordable, sturdier option for younger children.
- Confirming the device has privacy and monitoring features you can easily supervise. Can the settings be adjusted with your child's age to promote safety.
- Checking the device works with the existing safety tools you already use. Are these easy to access so you can limit screen time or block inappropriate content allowing you to give your child the freedom to explore safely.

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