Minecraft: a parent's guide Tips and advice for keeping children safe on Minecraft

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At the O2 & NSPCC Online Safety Helpline they are used to talking to parents about Minecraft.

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So if you don't know your creepers from your griefers, that's okay. They are there to help you keep children safe from the risks they might face.

Griefers

The villains. Griefers are human players that intentionally set out to destroy or steal things that other players have built or collected. Griefers can act individually or as a team, entering public multi-player servers with the aim of wreaking as much havoc as possible.

Creepers

Creepers are characters that exist within the game but aren't controlled by other players. No less annoying than the 'Griefer', their only objective is to cause as much destruction as possible. They do this by exploding next to players and damaging anything nearby.

Nether

The dark underworld of the game. Players can build and enter a portal to the Nether. There are some darker elements and it isn't suitable for young players, as it's filled with more dangerous characters and hazards.

Whitelist

Like an invite list to your child's birthday party, a Whitelist lets moderators create a community that only includes people who have been verified to join. It won't remove the risk, but can reduce the chance of bumping into someone who may spoil the fun.

Minecraft: the risks and staying safe

Children told NSPCC that their top concerns when playing Minecraft are:

- o bullying
- o talking to strangers
- o hacking
- o downloading viruses.

They may also come across inappropriate content like violent or sexual language and images.

To help keep children safe on Minecraft, make sure:

- o you know where they're playing
- o they're using appropriate safety settings
- o you talk to them about what to do if they see anything upsetting.