# Talking to kids about online privacy

The OIPC is using its enforcement authorities to try to enhance the online safety and privacy of children and youth – but protecting the rights of children and youth online takes all of us. Here are some things that parents and guardians can do to help keep kids safe when using any type of social media platform:



### **Establish House Rules for online privacy**

- If your kids are under 13, explain that they shouldn't lie about their age to create accounts.
- Talk to your kids about what information they should be careful about sharing online, such as full name, birthday, school, or other personal details.



## Walk through sign-ups and account creation together

- If your kid is 13 or older, go through the account creation process together and set parental controls where needed. If an email address is required, consider creating one just for apps.
- Make sure they know how to log out of their account.



## Adjust and review privacy settings early and often

- Show kids how to customize privacy settings and select the most privacy-protective options, including reviewing who can see posts.
- Review settings often; sometimes privacy settings reset and revert back to the least privacy-protective options.

# **Discuss online privacy etiquette**

- Remind kids to always get consent before posting someone else's image or information.
- Only connect with and accept invitations from people they know.





