

# Your community guidelines cheat sheet

Young people can struggle to understand long community guidelines for their favourite video games – and so can parents!

Use this guidance to talk with your child and 'translate' common rules across online games.

## Rule: No child exploitation or child endangerment

### What it means

- Don't talk to people like they're your boyfriend/girlfriend or like you're in love with them (even as a joke).
- Don't share usernames or links to other platforms or websites.

## Rule: No doxxing or sharing personal information

### What it means

- Keep your address, real name, school name, phone number and email address out of the chat.
- Don't share your profile names on social media (e.g. TikTok, Snapchat, Discord, etc.).
- Don't share your usernames for other online games.
- This includes your own information or others'.

## Rule: No bullying, harassment or hate speech

### What it means

- Don't call people any names or words other than their username.
- Don't tell people things like 'you're bad at this' or 'that's stupid'.
- Don't annoy people with repeated messages in chats.
- Don't talk about race/skin colour, disabilities, sexuality – even if it's not to bully, certain words might trigger the in-game filters.'

## Rule: No sharing inappropriate content

### What it means

- Don't share language, images, videos or skins that has swear words.
- Don't share pictures, videos or custom designs that look like real-life violence or real people getting hurt.
- Don't share anything that features or could look like a naked person.
- Don't share pictures, videos or custom designs that feature blood or killing, or anything that shows someone or something getting hurt.
- Don't talk about these things either.

## Rule: No real-world threats

### What it means

- Don't say things like 'I'm going to kill you' or 'I'll hurt you' in the chat, even if you're talking about the game or story, or if you're making a joke.
- Don't talk about hurting yourself or others. Talk to a helpline like Childline or discuss this with your parent/carer to get the right support.
- Don't use real-world violence (like wars or terrorist attack) as examples or jokes in the chat.



## Rule: No cheating or hacking

### What it means

- Don't login to other people's accounts, even if they've said you can.
- Don't buy in-game currency or items from websites outside of the game.
- Don't try to sell in-game items for the currency or for real money.

## Rule: No copyright infringement

### What it means

- Don't share content from movies or TV shows unless you've created it yourself and are clear that it's a fan re-creation.
- Don't upload music files from singers you like. Instead, use music and audio already in-game.

## Rule: No advertising

### What it means

- Don't tell people to buy items or visit websites like you're being sponsored.
- Don't agree to be a part of advertising in chats in exchange for in-game currency or anything else.
- Don't share links to websites, apps or other games.

## Rule: No impersonation

### What it means

- Don't create accounts with usernames that could make people think you're a moderator, someone who works for the game or a famous person.
- Don't pretend to be a friend or other user.
- Don't say things that could trick people into thinking you're anyone other than you, including saying 'I work for this game' or pretending to be a moderator.

## Rule: No political content

### What it means

- Don't ask for people's thoughts on current events offline like whose side they're on in a war or debate.
- Don't talk about political figures like country's leaders or people you see in the news or on social media.
- Don't talk about news, politics or current events which could lead to debates and arguments in the chat.
- Don't share emojis or 'code words' that refer to people in politics or current events.

