5 Key Things to Focus For Securing Online Kids

Communication
As kids get older, their risks change. You will always need to be talking to them.

Talking to your children (and them talking to you) is your best defense. You cannot outsource parenting. The earlier you start the dialogue the better. Not sure where to start? Ask them to share what they do online and how.

Values
Don’t get caught up in the technology. Focus on the values you want to teach them.

Now would be a good time to reinforce the concept to treat others as they want to be treated! This is the Golden Rule and great advice for people of all ages!

Setting a Good Example
When talking to your kids, stop using technology and look them in the eye.

Behave on the internet as you want them to behave. Don’t use technology at the dinner table, late at night in bed or family events. And of course, no texting while driving.

Behaviour
Ultimately, it is all about behaviours. Forget the technology and try to impact emotions that will lead to secure habits.

Ask your kids what are their favourite apps and show you how they work. Create a dedicated charging station and keep computers in an open area. Think of creating a contract for you and your kids about being online.

Remember
Be always on the lookout for any signs or problems.

Remember, we are not protecting data, we are protecting futures.

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