

Online safety is everyone's responsibility

Wearable tech is increasingly more popular. More than 170 million smartwatches were sold globally in 2022. That's partly because they have more than 21,000 apps available for their devices, allowing users to customise their smartwatch experience.

Smartwatches are convenient for staying in touch on the go (almost two billion messages are sent from smartwatches every year), but this simultaneously can put younger wearers at risk of being contacted by strangers via their smartwatch – if the device isn't configured properly.

Also, there are a number of less expensive alternatives out there, which can lead to inferior safety features to protect young wearers which is just one of the potential hazards highlighted in the advice from the National Online Safety team.

There's more advice on how to avoid potential smartwatch pitfalls from the National Online Safety team – see the tips below.

Please take note of what your parental responsibility is to ensure that your child is safer online.



Working together to keep our children safe and happy online.