Global Online Safety Survey 2024: Worldwide

Parents' and Kids' Perceptions of Online Safety



of respondents reported experiencing a risk in the pastyear

Countries Where Experiencing an Online Risk are Most and Least Common





What are the risks?



Misinformation & disinformation



Personal

35% Hate speech 20% Cyberbullying, harassment, abuse 16% Threats of violence

Violent Content



27% Real world graphic violence & gore 11% Terrorist &

violent extremist content

Sexual

14% Sexual solicitation **10%** Release of intimate videos without consent

8% Child sexual exploitation and abuse

Self Harm

14% Suicide & self harm content



of teens report experiencing a risk **Top worries**



Personal risk



58%

Top Risks & Worries Differed Along Gender Lines

Top risks experienced



Misinformation & Disinformation 52%

Personal risk

of teens experienced at least of six "bad experiences" (i.e., of teens experienced at least one

made to feel uncomfortable, anxious, body shamed, etc.)

18-24 year olds face the most risk exposure

Misinformation or disinformation 51%

Cyberbullying, harassment, abuse 39%

Top Risks Experienced

Personal risk 46%

Top Worries

LGBTQ+ teens face 11% more risks

Top Risks Experienced

Misinformation or disinformation 53% Personal risk 50%

Top Worries

Cyberbullying, harassment, abuse 42% Child sexual exploitation and abuse 32%

Girls experienced more risks in every category Girls experienced more sexual risks than boys: 25% vs 19%

Misinformation or disinformation 31% Teen Boys Teen Girls

There is a gap between parents' expectations of risks and teens' lived experiences

8%

gap | their teen's bad on line experiences **Parents underestimate**

Parents underestimate

their teenager's exposure to risks

theironline behavior

talk to their

children about



teen facing...

most about their 42%

Sexual exploitation Sexual solicitation

Cyberbullying

Teens are taking action to protect themselves

73%

How teens protect themselves Not sharing sensitive information

Verifying friend or follow requests Blocking/deleting/unfriending Girls take more safety actions

66%

Private accounts

Safety features that teens use

Reviewing friend requests 55% Filter out unknown senders 42%



more likely to: block, delete, unfriend or

unfollow people

more likely to:

be careful about what images and videos to share online

more likely to:

6%

limit which apps or people can see their location in real time

57%



who spoke to someone spoke to parents after regularly talk to their parents after experiencing a risk experiencing a risk about their online activities

Parents of younger children 6-12 were much more likely to employ methods of monitoring and guiding their children's online activities

compared to parents of teens



18% more likely to: set screen time limits



16% more likely to: regularly review games, apps and social media sites before they are used by their children

12% more likely to: to only allow device use in common areas of the house

10% 6%

more likely to require approval for their

children to purchase or install applications

Mothers are more engaged with their children's activities

more likely to check their more actively monitor what their children are doing online child's profiles and posts versus fathers



Microsoft

The methodology used to gather the data consisted of a web survey of 16,795 teens, parents of 6-17 year olds, and other adults in 17 countries from July 27 to August 22, 2023. Surveys were evenly divided between teens and adults in each country.