TOP 10 TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE ONLINE

The internet is a wonderful place full of useful information. It's great to meet people who share your interests or hobbies but please be aware that not everything you read is true and that people online are not always who they say they are. Stay safe by sticking to these ten simple rules:

1) Don't believe everything you read or trust everyone you meet online.
2) Don't post personal information such as your postal address, email address or phone number.
3) Think carefully before posting pictures or videos. Once they are online lots of people that you don’t know can see and download them and they cannot always be removed.
4) Get an adult to help you make sure that your privacy settings are as high as possible.
5) Never give out your passwords.
6) Be careful befriending people you don’t know. Don’t tell them too much about yourself.
7) Don’t meet up with people you’ve met online. Tell a trusted adult immediately if someone suggests that you do.
8) Think carefully about what you say before you post something online. Is it true? Would it hurt anyone’s feelings to read it?
9) Respect other people's views, even if you don’t agree with them and don’t be rude.
10) If you’ve read or seen something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried; leave the web site and tell an adult.

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