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Do you know who is watching your

What are children posting on their YouTube channel? Do you know?

Having a YouTube channel may be a fun way for your child to express themselves, helping them develop skills sets such as acting, broadcasting and editing. Some even trying to be the next big YouTube star with millions of followers—but do you actually know *what they're posting* and *who is watching them*?

Tips to keep your children safe on YouTube

<p>Register using a parent's email account:</p> <p>If your child is under the age of 13, they are required to use a parent's email to set up an account with the parent's consent.</p>	<p>Use a screen name instead of a real name:</p> <p>For privacy, make sure your child uses a fictitious (made up) name. They should NEVER disclose their personal information such as address, phone number, town or school name.</p>	<p>Turn off ability to comment:</p> <p>Inviting comments could lead to cyberbullying, trolling and much more. Limit this problem by disabling comments completely.</p>
<p>Monitor videos:</p>	<p>Sign a family contract on</p>	<p>Change the privacy settings</p>

<p>Before your child starts posting YouTube videos, check out what they are doing on the videos. Make sure it's something you feel comfortable with and it is appropriate for others to view it.</p>	<p>house rules for social media and mobile device use: It's a good foundation for an overall conversation about electronic and social media usage</p>	<p>to private or unlisted: YouTube gives you 3 choices -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PUBLIC which is the default setting• PRIVATE means that only you and those you invite to view videos can see what you post.• UNLISTED means your video will not come up in search results.
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Having conversations with your child about online safety, using parental controls, and creating the right settings gives today's digital parent peace of mind while still allowing your children the freedom to express their creativity.

Remember.... being open, honest and taking an interest in your child's online activities is key to understanding the every changing online world that poses both risk but also enjoyment when used safely.

