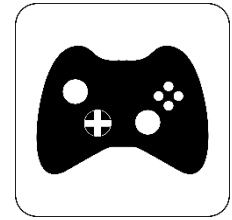




# Dangers of Online Gaming



1. Risks from social interactions with strangers who may trick you into revealing personal or financial information.
  - DO NOT share personal details while online.
  - DO NOT agree to exchange money.
2. Risks from online and real-world predators.
  - REMEMBER that the picture/avatar that someone posts does not have to be realistic or true. Anyone can hide behind their profile pic.
  - TELL a trusted adult if you suspect that someone is not who they say they are, so they can help you.
3. Risks from viruses, Trojan Horses, computer worms and spyware which may attack your computer.
  - Viruses may arrive as attachments in email messages or via instant messaging programs, and corrupt or malicious programs may be hidden in game files you download or software you install.
  - By exploiting vulnerabilities, malicious users might be able to control your computer remotely and use it to attack other computers or install programs such as Trojan horses, adware, or spyware, or gain access to personal information on your computer.
  - TELL a trusted adult that can help you report the situation to the authorities.