



Digital Safety

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WHAT IS DIGITAL SAFETY?

It means online safety when we use internet on all technological devices¹.

ONLINE CHILDREN'S SAFETY.

These are the safeguarding responsibilities of parents by controlling and monitoring their children's online activities to protect them from predators and potential commercialisation or sexualisation.

CONCLUSION.

Digital safety is the only way to ease online threats. Also, the basic IT literacy skills for the prevention of online threats are important.

TYPES OF ONLINE THREATS.

We have different types of online threats such as virus, worms, malware, Trojans – malicious code, or software that look like good program. Spyware and ransomware².

ONLINE HACKING.

It means illegal access to personal information or hack computers to steal the money being transferred or information².

PREVENTION FROM ONLINE HACKING.

This can be achieved by downloading Antivirus software, creating strong passwords, updating to the latest software, being mindful of connecting to free WIFI, installing SSL and Security Plugins must be installed and choosing a good web host .

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