

# NEW DEVICE TIPS



## THE INTERNET OF THINGS:

The Internet of Things: All devices with an on/off switch that connect to the internet. This includes: smartphones, watches, thermostats, doorbells, coffee makers, washing machines, lights and toys – any device that can be controlled &/or monitored remotely.



## SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS & CHECK SETTINGS:

- 4 categories - content filters, usage controls, computer usage management tools, and monitoring - Set up parental controls before giving your child a new device
- Make sure you check the controls and settings on your new devices, including each individual app and web browser.
- Block upsetting or harmful content
- Prevent inappropriate search results
- Control in-app purchases
- Prevent access to age-inappropriate content
- Manage how long your child spends online



## KNOW THE RISKS:

Research, research, research!  
Ensure you know the risks associated with the device you are buying.



## SECURE EVERYTHING:

- Use a password manager to generate strong passwords
- Do not reuse passwords
- Use a combination of upper and lower case letters, numbers and symbols to create your passwords
- Keep your passwords secure – don't share them (even with your children!)
- Change your passwords regularly



## UPDATE YOUR SOFTWARE:

Updates:

- Include critical patches to fix security holes
- Remove outdated features which can cause weaknesses in the security system
- Improve stability of the software



## HAVE A CONVERSATION:

- Talk about web safety when your children get new devices
- Have regular, open discussions with your children about online safety
- Explore websites and apps together
- Create a safe environment where your children can share concerns about things that make them feel uncomfortable
- Talk about what is OK, and not OK, to share online



## ANTIVIRUS:

- Protects your device from threats
- Destroys and warns of possible threats to the system
- Updates of the antivirus database



**INSTALL CHILD SAFE VPN:  
PROTECT YOUR CHILD FROM INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT  
BY INSTALLING CHILD SAFE VPN ON ALL DEVICES**