



Among Us

Among Us is a game set on a spaceship played with 4-10 other players. Players can choose to join a game with people they don't know or create their own private game with friends. The game randomly selects one of the players to be an 'imposter' who the other players must defeat to win the game. You can play it on mobile and desktop.

Official age rating: 7+

Kids use this to: Play

Safety ratings: Average

Top tips for staying safe:

Switch on chat filtering: If your child is talking to other people on the app make sure to switch on 'Censor Chat'.

When this is on, the game scans the message before other players see it to make sure it doesn't contain any inappropriate language or comments that someone might find upsetting.

To check this is on, go to settings in the right hand corner of the screen and select 'Censor Chat: On'. The box should also go green when you do this.

Show them how to create and leave games: To create your own game, select 'Create Game'. Once the game has been set up you'll be given an access code that you can share with friends you want to play with.

Remind your child to never share the code with anyone they don't know or on a public chat or forum.

You should show your child how to leave a game in case they receive an upsetting message from another player or they just want to take a break from playing.

To leave a game you just need to select the settings icon in the right hand corner of the screen and select 'Leave Game'.

Agree some rules around gaming: Gaming is a fun way for kids to relax and stay entertained outside of school but it's important to agree rules to keep them safe whilst gaming. These could include which games are safe to play, who they can play with, where they can use their devices at home or how long they can play for.

For example, you might agree with them they can play in the main family rooms at the weekends with their school friends. Different rules will work for different families but often work best when agreed together as a family. That way your child can share things like how long each game lasts which is helpful to know when agreeing time limits.

It can help to write down any new rules together as a family so you can come back to them later. Use the NSPCC [family agreement](#) to get you started.

Watch out for third party chat apps: Be aware that some young people might use third-party apps like [Discord](#) and [Twitch](#) to talk to others via text, voice or video chat while gaming. Some games even have official verified forums for fans to share tips and talk about the game on these platforms.

We've also come across some unofficial chat add-ons available for players to download that enable them to chat with other gamers who live nearby.

Make sure to talk to your child regularly about the different apps they're using to communicate with people online and who they're playing with. It's also important to remind your child to never share their location with anyone, especially if the other player lives nearby.

Explore together: Sitting down with your child and exploring their favourite app or game is a great way for you to learn more about what they like to do online.

You can ask them why they like to use an app or play certain games, as well as who they're talking to and what sorts of things they're sharing.

You can also read the NSPCC [Net Aware reviews](#) for tips on how to keep kids safe on popular apps, sites and games.

Talk to them about who they're talking to: Lots of gaming platforms have chat functions that let you to talk to people you don't know. Make sure to check the communication features on the games your child plays and explore the safety features available.

We would recommend they only chat to friends they have actually met, like their school friends or people they know from other offline activities.

If it's a game your child has been playing for a while you might want to ask them whether they've joined any new chats or forums. Have a conversation with them about the types of things they're discussing and what is appropriate to share.

Make sure you check in with your child regularly about who they're talking to on their favourite games. Remind them that conversations should only be about the game, and if someone starts asking them other questions or suggests they speak using another app like [Snapchat](#) or [Instagram](#) they should tell you.

Let your child know they can talk to you: Explain that you understand the internet is a great place to play, create, learn and connect. But remind them they can talk to you if anything upsets or worries them.

Reassure them that you won't overreact – you're just looking out for them.

It's important to remind your child that they can talk you, another adult they trust, like a teacher, or [Childline](#) about anything they see online.