

Top Parent Concerns

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- A Parents' Guide to...
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2. My child spends too much time...(online, gaming, texting).

- Set a positive example
- Set time limits and stick with them
- Stress homework before screen time
- Have a lease policy
- Get help from the experts:
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3. My child may share inappropriate pictures or information online.

- Don't wait for an incident, begin the talk as soon as they are texting
- Remind them that once they hit send, they lose control of the image
- Talk about social pressures and potential social humiliation
- Tell them to never pass it on

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- Show a willingness to listen

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5. Help them monitor their digital reputation

- Google Alerts
- Online Reputation Video from iKeepSafe

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