

Online Safety Bulletin

In this online safety bulletin, we are going to look at a game and a TV series that are very popular amongst young people right now.

Squid Game - Netflix

Squid Game is a thriller series that as of 12th October 2021, is currently the number one watched show in nearly every single one of Netflix's 90 territories. The show is intensely popular with young people, even to the stage whereby Vans slip on trainers (that the characters wear) have seen a 7800% increase in sales. The South Korean series tells the story of a group of people down on their luck taking part in a tournament of normal children's games like marbles, tug of war and red-light green-light. However, losers in the events are killed by the mysterious group controlling the games. The winner is promised a massive cash prize, with the theme of poverty and wealth running through the show.

As a parent you should know that Squid Game is rated 15+ in the UK. The level of violence is very intense. We strongly recommend you read the full review on Common Sense Media, especially if your child has asked you if they can watch it. [Squid Game TV Review \(commonsensemedia.org\)](https://www.commonsensemedia.org/television/article/squid-game)

Fortnite:Battle Royale – Xbox/PlayStation/PC/Mac/iPad/Nintendo Switch

Fortnite:Battle Royale is a last player standing mode that pits up to 100 players against each other in solo, duo, or up to four-player squads to see who can survive the longest against each other in a shrinking map. The game does contain weapons and firearms to eliminate opponents however the game is in cartoonish style, and the violence, isn't graphic. It has an age rating of 12+ in the UK. While there isn't any profanity in the game dialogue, please be aware the game's online nature could expose younger players to inappropriate language from random strangers in voice or on-screen text chat. If you want to know more about this phenomenon, please visit the [Parents' Ultimate Guide to Fortnite](#).

Did you know... both the Xbox and PlayStation have parental controls available that include restricting content and applying screen time?

[Click here for PlayStation play time control instructions](#)

[Click here for Xbox screen time limit control instructions](#)

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