



Would you like support and advice about how to manage your child's online behaviour? Do you have useful information that you would like to share? Our new E-Safety Parent Awareness Team is the group you are looking for!



Who are we?

- We are a parent-led group for parents and school



Why have we been formed?

- To help each other support our children with their online activity



What are our aims?

- To provide a source of information and a point of contact for issues that concern us about online applications and games
- To promote positive ways of using the internet



How can we help you?

- Help parents manage online behaviour
- Support parents and raise awareness
- Understand parental locks and other safeguarding measures



How can you help us?

- Let us know of anything untoward so we can look into it

We are aiming to send information to you all via a half-termly newsletter. The newsletter will be informative and advisory. We will work closely with school and the Governors. To start us off, we have included some useful information about ratings for online games on the reverse of this sheet. Please let us know if there are other topics you would like us to cover.

Our mission:

To keep our children safe whilst enjoying the world-wide-web

Regards The E-Safety Parent Awareness Team



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Do you know your online game ratings and what they mean?



Check out the PEGI rating

The **PEGI (Pan European Gaming Information)** labels appear on a game's packaging indicating one of the following age levels: 3, 7, 12, 16 and 18. They provide a reliable indication of the suitability of the game content for different ages. Descriptors will indicate the main reasons why a game has received a particular age rating. There are eight such descriptors: bad language, discrimination, drugs, fear, gambling, sex, violence and online gameplay with other people.

PEGI 3 - The majority of games in this category do not contain anything that requires rating or warrants a content warning. Games given this rating are considered suitable for all age groups.

Some violence in a comical context or child-friendly setting is acceptable, as is nudity when shown in a completely natural and non-sexual manner such as breast feeding.

PEGI 7 - Any game that would normally be rated at 3 but contains some possibly frightening scenes or sounds may be considered suitable in this category.

A little more violence is permissible at PEGI 7. It is always unrealistic and often directed towards fantasy characters, though very mild non-realistic violence to humans may also feature. Implied violence (for example the bombing of a city where violence is not seen directly) is also dealt with at this level.

At a **PEGI 12** level more graphic and realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters is allowed. Any violence towards human characters must look unrealistic unless it consists of only minor or trivial injury such as a slap.

Sexual posturing of the type often seen in music videos is also allowed at this level as is sexual innuendo.

Some bad language is allowed but it can be no more than mild swearing.

PEGI 12 is the minimum rating a game, which teaches or encourages gambling can receive, though the descriptor also appears on PEGI 16 and PEGI 18 games.

A game at this level may feature horror content such as strong threat and dread or graphic injury details.

At the **PEGI 16** level, you can expect to see more mature and realistic violence against human characters. The game may deal heavily with death and injury to humans. Gory and bloody violence may be included at a PEGI 16 level but only if the game is arcade style.

Sexual activity can be shown but it must not include visible genitals. Depictions of erotic nudity may feature.

The worst forms of bad language can be heard and will often include sexual expletives.

The use of tobacco and alcohol may be encouraged, and the game can feature the use of illegal drugs. The game could glamorise crime.

PEGI 18 - The adult classification is applied when the level of violence becomes gross. Gross violence is classed as horrific methods of bringing death or severe injury, including torture, decapitation or dismemberment.

Violence against vulnerable characters such as children and the elderly may feature, along with motiveless violence against multiple innocents. Sexual violence and threat are also classified at PEGI 18.

The game may include detailed descriptions of criminal techniques, or it may glamorise the use of illegal drugs.

Sexual activity with visible genital organs can be shown.

Also look out for Content labels - As well as the age rating, there are content labels, or descriptors, to explain why the game was given its rating. These are displayed on the packaging of the game.