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Respect must be given

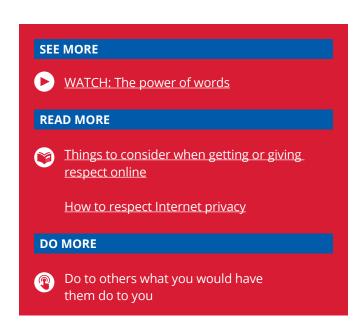*"Small actions, big difference – welcome to the digital neighbourhood"*

Respect yourself and those around you. Respect implies tolerance for others and their opinions. Not because their opinions are right or wrong, but because they are fellow human beings. Be responsible for your own opinions and online conduct.

Introduction

How do you ensure that what you share is not hate speech, defamatory or even downright immoral? The old adage still holds - "If you do not have something nice to say (or send or show), don't say (or send or show) anything."

Being respectful means to tolerate others even if you do not agree with them.

Being respectful does not mean being silent when you do not agree. It means being open with your opinions or politely pointing out when someone is wrong, without pushing your own opinion as the only truth.

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Things to consider when getting or giving respect online

How to respect Internet privacy

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Do to others what you would have them do to you

How to protect yourself

- Treat others well and know that, by doing so, others will treat you well in return.
- Know when you are being treated badly, and have the courage to stand up for yourself.
- Don't offend others by posting offensive stuff.
- When you are offended, wait until your emotions have calmed down before responding in a calm and respectful way.
- Be aware that written messages may come across harder, and are more easily misinterpreted, than when visual and contextual clues are present. This is true for messages you send and messages you receive.
- Don't be mean or abusive of others. Choose to be kind.
- Launching a personal attack on someone while hiding behind an anonymous or fake identity is disrespectful and cowardly.
- The Internet is a hotchpotch of people with different backgrounds, experiences, beliefs and perspectives – respect that.
- Remember you are leaving a digital footprint behind, so be sure it is showing you in the light you wish to be seen.