

Creating a Better Internet for All Safer Internet Day 2016

Young people's advice for preventing online hate and making the internet a place of kindness and respect

Play your part: help create a kinder internet



Be kinder and stand up for people (Boy aged 15)

Girl aged 15

"When posting something online, I strongly believe that you should think 'would I say or do this to someone face to face' and if the answer's no, then it's simple. You just don't post it."

Boy aged 17

"People could think more about the impact of their words and the affect they potentially could have on someone."

Girl aged 18

"People need to realise what they say online can really affect people and just because they're anonymous or online doesn't make it ok."

Boy aged 14

"Young people need to stop thinking being offensive and swearing is so cool"

Girl aged 13

"I think my generation can help reduce online hate by not being so judgemental."

Girl aged 17

"it's not cool to hate online."

Post positive things (boy aged 14)

Girl aged 18

"Highlight, talk-up and promote positive uses of the internet/social media"

Boy aged 13

"More displays of public support for minority groups"

Girl aged 13

"People can spread the message to people they know and they can think about their own actions and how that affects people."



Play your part: help prevent online hate



Report any online hate (Girl aged 16)

Girl aged 13

"Everyone sees online hate everyday but nobody speaks openly about so it carries on and doesn't get stopped."

Boy aged 14

If everyone reported online hate when they see it maybe it can be stopped.

Girl aged 15

Reporting makes a difference – to you, your friends, and your community. By reporting hate crime when it happens, you can help stop it happening to someone else. You will also help the police to better understand the level of hate crime in your local area, and improve the way they respond to it.

Ignore online hate. Don't spread it or share it. (Boy aged 17)

Boy aged 17

"Block the haters"

Girl aged 15

I think the people who spread the hate should be ignored completely by people, so people not replying or sharing or screenshotting it and making comments about it, as the people doing it want attention and also it makes the issue even bigger, so all the people that see it should just block the person and report them instead of making the issue bigger and spreading the hate!

Don't suffer in silence (Boy aged 16)

Boy aged 14

"Do not keep quiet when you notice anyone being mean to another"

Boy aged 17

"No one should put up with it."

What is online hate?

Online hate targets people or communities via the internet because of their gender, transgender identity, sexuality, disability, race, ethnicity, nationality or religion. It can take the form of online abuse targeted directly at a person or group, or it can be prejudiced or hateful content or language that is shared online. In its most extreme form it can break the law and become a hate crime.

More advice and videos: <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2016/11-18s>

1,500+ young people aged 13-18 years were interviewed about their online experiences for Safer Internet Day. For the full report visit www.saferinternet.org.uk/creating-a-better-internet-for-all

Watch our video about online hate:

