## **Digital Games – Need for Safety**

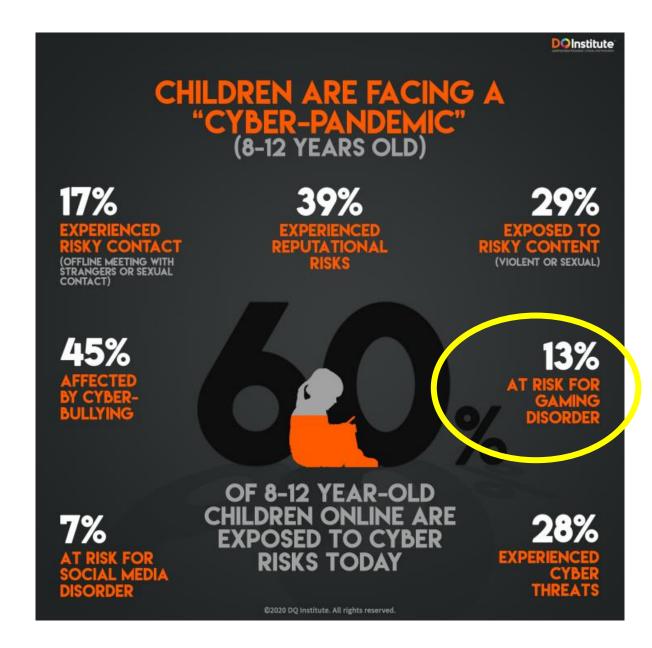


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## **Digital Gaming - Online Gaming**



- Online gaming is a fun and social way to spend time, encouraging teamwork and developing skills
- Children see the online gaming world as a virtual playground
- Children can log online, put on a headset, turn on a webcam, and talk to and play with any of the millions of gamers around the world









- Cyberbullying
- Webcam Worries
- Hidden Fees
- Phishing

- Gaming Addiction
- Age Inappropriate Content











There are scams that encourage players to claim 'free

credits' for games

- Blogs aimed at kids to 'Claim Free Robux,' which is usually a phishing scam
- Scammer steals accounts password stealer phishing

etc.,





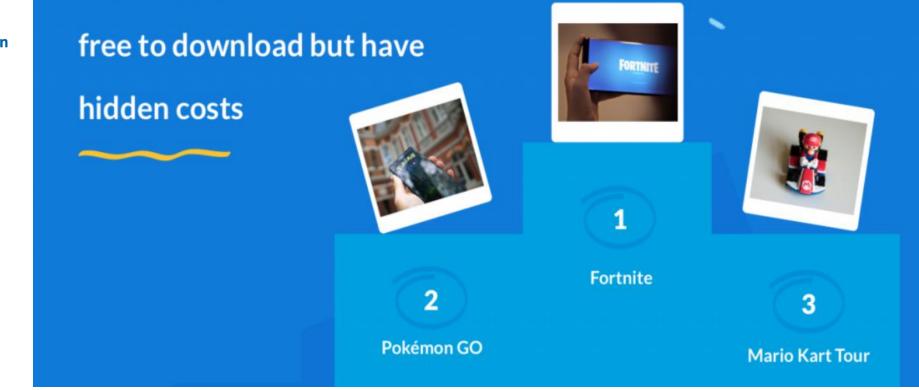
- Loot boxes which can be bought via in-app purchases
- Virtual treasure chests containing mystery items which

may affect progress throughout the game, or help boost status

• Loot boxes are classified as Gambling in few countries

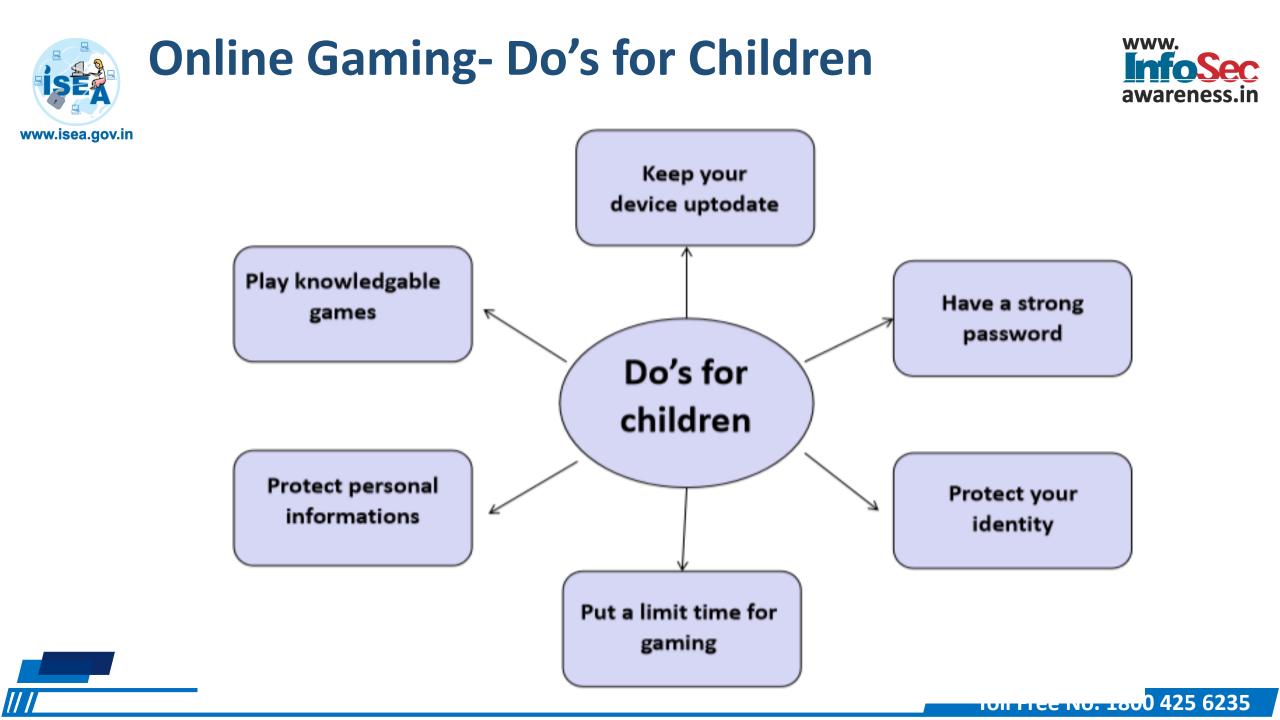


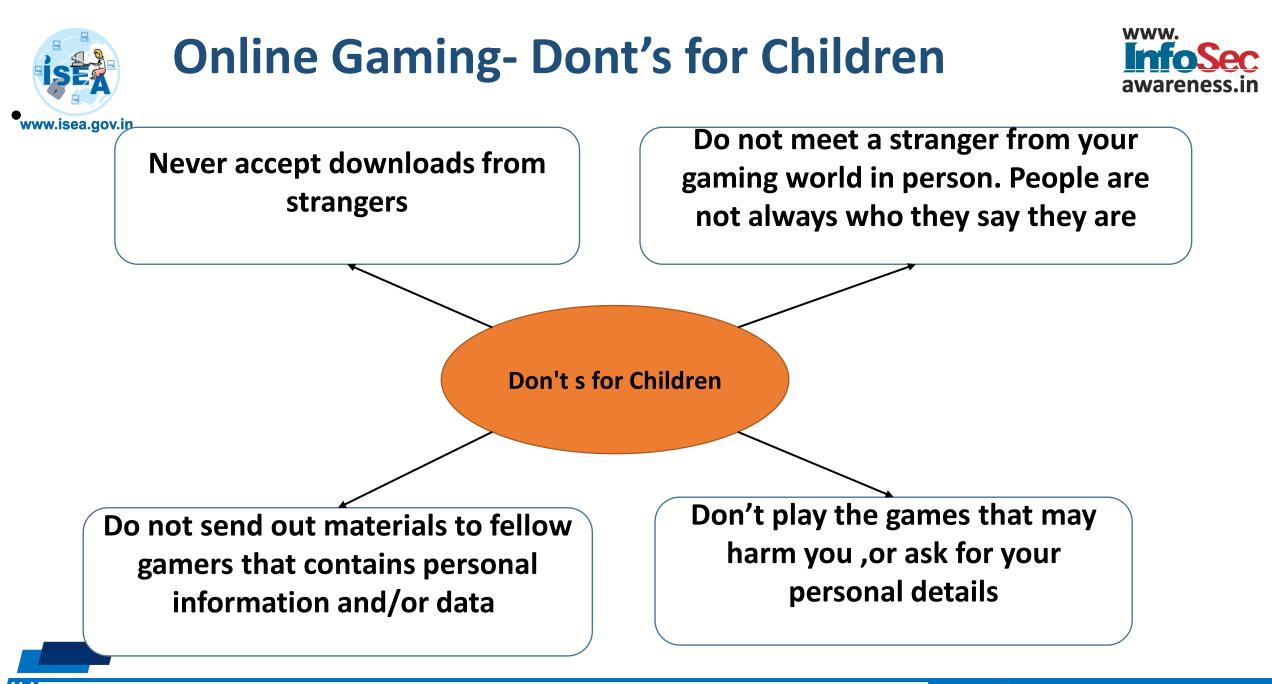




- 'loot' boxes ('bundles', 'crates' and 'cases')
  - 'Skins' used in some games to alter the appearance of a player's weapon, equipment or avatar
    - Games like poker, slots, blackjack or roulette







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- Make it a family activity by playing video games together.
- Tablet or smartphone to airplane mode
- Make sure you and your family agree upon games that can be played and that children understand why some games are allowed and others not
- Teach your children to protect themselves remind them not to share personal information
- Read each games advice for parents and play the game yourself to help child and understand its appropriateness
- If your child comes to you with an issue, stay calm and listen without judging them and don't threaten to take away their devices.
- Tackle peer pressure , discuss responsible gaming time and behaviors
- Make sure this is balanced against other activities.
- Be sensitive and praise them when they share their online experiences with you





- Ensure that the computer or games console is in an open area of your home
- Smart phones to be used in family room
- Ensure you have a virus scan installed and updated on all devices to protect against viruses, malware and other online threats.
- Search for in-game parental controls and safety features;
- it's also essential to check the Age limit set on a game
- Password protect the apps financial apps, play store etc.,
- Pin the apps
- Know the games they play
- Talk and discuss with kids





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