



### Online Safety Recommendations:

As we rely more heavily on technology to help keep us connected, it's a great time to ensure online safety measures are in place. Here are a few resources that can help:

- [Messenger Kids](#) (from Facebook) is a great way to safely connect with your Little via a social media platform, while keeping parents in the loop. [Here's more on how it works.](#)
- The [NetSmartz](#) program offers age-appropriate resources to help teach children how to be safer on- and off-line. The program is designed for children ages 5-17, parents and guardians, educators, and law enforcement. With resources such as videos, games, downloadable activities, and presentations, NetSmartz entertains while it educates.
- Please [click here for an additional resource](#) from NetSmartz.
- The National Center of Missing and Exploited Children has launched a website initiative to provide free resources to help parents, educators, and caregivers learn more about the risks that children face online and how to respond safely. You can access their internet safety resources [here](#).

### Also, please remember BBBSCI's Digital Technology and Social Networking Guidelines:

To help ensure child safety, Parents/Guardians are to monitor their children while online. Bigs are to monitor Littles if they are using the internet during a match activity.

To protect confidentiality and privacy of all participants, any content posted on social media pages, such as Facebook, should be appropriate and carried out with the approval of all parties.

Bigs should not "friend" or "follow" Littles on social media until after 90 days of the match and the Little is at least 13 years of age.

Should a Big/Little/Parent/Guardian have a personal social networking page, no identifying or personal information (e.g., last name, school, employer, etc.) should be disclosed from either party. It is permissible to post pictures, but they should not be tagged, and no last names should be used.