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In this edition we want to bring to your attention how to safeguard your new Christmas Devices

## **Did you know many devices now connect to the Internet?**

Internet connected devices can send and receive data respond to voice commands and be controlled remotely using a smartphone app.

### **Examples of internet connected devices include:**

- Doorbells, CCTV
- Toys, robots, drones and much more

### **If not set up properly, the risks include:**

- Developers or hackers may be connected to your device without your knowledge
- Baby monitors, children's tablets, drone toys, can be hacked and used by people outside of your home.

Find out how to keep you and your family safe and visit the [NSPCC's website](#)

## **Christmas is just around the corner! Will you be ready?**

### **If you are buying your child a:**

- SMART device (TV, Speaker)
- new mobile phone
- games console
- tablet PC

- Charge it up
- Set up the device and try it before you wrap it up
- **Check the parental controls**
- **Check the safety settings**
- **Ensure filtering is applied to your home's Wi-Fi**

### **Consider the following tips:**

- Make sure the device is working correctly

## **Consider and review advice on the following websites:**

**Internet Matters** [Parental controls](#) Step by step guides for Broadband, Smartphones, Social Media, Games Consoles

**Parentzone** [Setting up new technology](#) Access Parentzone's library of resources here

**Childnet** [Advice on Screen Time](#) Find out what the 'experts' say and what 'parents' say

**UK Safer Internet Centre's** [Parent Guide](#) Advice on using: [SMART speakers safely](#) [SMART TVs](#) includes how to use safely and parental controls

[Games Consoles](#) includes top tips to stay safe

**NSPCC** Help children to stay safe on [CHAT Apps](#) including: WhatsApp; KiK; Telegram; Omegle; Facebook Messenger

**Find out about:** Gaming Chats; Chat Rooms; Live [Streaming and Video Apps](#)

**Link to Netflix's** [Help Centre for setting up Parental Controls](#)

**REMEMBER BEFORE YOU WRAP IT—SET IT UP!**