



Digital Privacy Goes to School



Look both ways when you cross the street. Don't talk to strangers. From an early age we teach our children how to be safe in the physical world, but when is the right time to start talking to them about safety in the digital world?

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Canada (OIPC) is starting the conversation early with a program aimed at teaching young children the importance of digital privacy and protecting personal information online. A series of activities aimed at Grades 1 to 3 puts a clever spin on familiar games to help get an important message across to students.

- [Privacy Snakes and Ladders](#) is a twist on the classic children's game that helps players learn how to make smart privacy choices. You climb up when you make good privacy choices but slide down by making bad choices such as sharing a password with a friend.
- [Connect the Dots](#) asks kids to complete the picture of a family with a checklist of rules they can use at home to practice good online privacy.
- [Learning About Passwords / Colour the Tablet](#) challenges kids to create their own strong, eight-character password by filling in the blanks.
- [Word Search](#) introduces children to the vocabulary of digital privacy by having them find words such as "post" or "footprint."



Michael McEvoy, Information and Privacy Commissioner for BC believes these activities are important first steps in teaching children lifelong lessons in digital privacy:

“These activity sheets are a step in the right direction: fun, engaging activities that can get children thinking about privacy and their personal information – fundamental concepts that will only grow in importance throughout the rest of their lives.”

This latest release builds on last year’s digital privacy lesson plans released by OIPC and intended for grade 6-9 students across British Columbia.

Learn More

Find out more or download the lesson plans at: <https://www.oipc.bc.ca/resources/lesson-plans/>.