



Omegle Parent Guide

Omegle is a website offering a free video chat service which will connect you to a random stranger who you can interact with through text chat and webcam. **There is no Omegle app currently available to download.**

No account or username is required to use the service and users are anonymous unless they choose to tell other users about themselves. Users should be 18+ or over 13 years with parental permission.

The main page of the site has a direct link to an adult site which streams adult sexual content.

There are no parental controls or privacy tools available at all through Omegle other than the ability to stop a chat and move to another user.



Talk to strangers!

By using Omegle, you accept the terms at the bottom. You must be 18+, or 13+ with parental permission.

Mobile video chat is an experimental new feature. Video is monitored, so keep it clean!

Go to [an adult site](#) instead if that's what you want.

Start a chat

Video

Meet strangers with your interests!

Add your interests (optional)

▶ College student chat

Omegle (*oh-meg-ull*) is a great way to meet new friends, even while practicing social distancing. When you use Omegle, we pick someone else at random and let you talk one-on-one. To help you stay safe, chats are anonymous unless you tell someone who you are (not suggested!), and you can stop a chat at any time. Predators have been known to use Omegle, so please be careful.

www.omegle.com says

Because this section is not moderated, you are more likely to encounter sexual behavior. As with the rest of Omegle, users in this section are solely responsible for their own behavior.

IF YOU ARE UNDER 18, or you would prefer not to use this section, press CANCEL. By pressing OK, you affirm that you are at least 18 years old.

Cancel

OK

There are both moderated and un-moderated video chat features.

The un-moderated chat carrying an 18+ age requirement and a warning that there is a high likelihood of viewing sexual content and coming into contact with potentially predatory individuals.

You can restrict access to this site by using parental controls on devices or home broadband. Visit Internet Matters to learn more.

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Many children and young people have used this site to seek new friendships given the isolation they may have experienced during the pandemic. While some individuals will use this site appropriately, there have been many reports of highly inappropriate behaviour by users towards under 18's and children in primary schools accessing this service.

Omegle will connect children with strangers of any age, with no controls at all, putting them at risk of exploitation. We would highly recommend prohibiting access to the platform for all children under 18.

Use parental controls to restrict access

Keep an eye on apps or sites they use

Keep technology in family friendly areas

Encourage them to talk about their online experiences without fear of being banned

If you have concerns about your immediate safety or that of a friend, you can call Lincolnshire Police on 101 or, in an emergency, dial 999

If you feel a child may be a victim of abuse or have concerns over their safety or well-being, you can call the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782111 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm) or 01522 782333 (outside office hours)