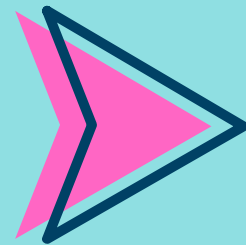


# Parent's Guide to Roblox



## General Information

Roblox is an online platform where children can play a wide range of games, create their own virtual experiences and connect with other players from around the world. It is a mix of gaming, creativity and social interaction – all happening in a digital environment.



Roblox does not have a minimum age level to join, so students as young as Kindergarten could create an account.

Social interaction is a large part of Roblox's appeal. Players can text and voice chat with other players. This leads children to make connections with people they do not know in person. These people may lie about who they are as a way to engage with unsuspecting youth.

## Freemium

Roblox is a "freemium" app. This means that you can create an account and play for free but there are "premium" features and subscriptions that cost money.

## Did You Know?

Experts who study sextortion and online predatory behaviour cite Roblox as a prime app for these "bad actors" to use to befriend victims. They will lure a child in by posing as a peer and then convince the child to "meet" them on another platform such as WhatsApp or Discord, where they can be more intimate. Boys between the ages of 9 and 15 are prime targets.



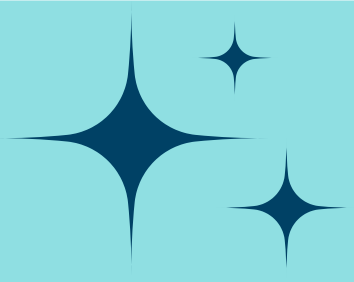
## "Robux"

Robux is Roblox's own currency. It encourages players to level up their avatar and get game enhancements, among other things. Beware of scams where bad actors will try to get your child's Robux.

## Roblox at School

West Vancouver Schools DOES NOT allow students to access Roblox while using school wifi.





Roblox uses these labels to indicate what type of content is in games.

Content Label	Content Description
Minimal	May contain occasional mild violence, light unrealistic blood, and/or occasional mild fear
Mild	May contain repeated mild violence, heavy unrealistic blood, mild crude humor, and/or repeated mild fear
Moderate	May contain moderate violence, light realistic blood, moderate crude humor, unplayable gambling content, and/or moderate fear
Restricted	May contain strong violence, heavy realistic blood, moderate crude humor, romantic themes, unplayable gambling content, the presence of alcohol, strong language, and/or moderate fear

Users under 9 can only play games labelled Minimal or Mild. However, the content in these games may still be inappropriate for your child.

Only available to 17+ users who have had their their age verified

# Main Roblox Concerns



- Game play can become addictive. Limit your child’s screen time.
- Roblox is a prime location for predators to source victims.
- Roblox collects significant amounts of data from its users. Do you know where the data goes or who it is being shared with?
- Remind your child not to give out personal information - there are lots of scams on Roblox. No names, school or where they live.
- Young players could be exposed to inappropriate language and/or sexualized content that they are not ready for.



# If Your Child Has Roblox...

- Make sure you sit with them while they make the account. You can step in at this point and change some of the settings to make it safer - watch [this video](#) for some pointers.
- Enable 2 Factor Authentication - this will help protect from scams.
- Make sure your child knows how to block and report users and content.
- Familiarize yourself with all of the settings and features then talk to your child about safety and your family values and rules.
- Remember, YOU are the adult. If your child is not using Roblox safely, you can take away their device or shut off their data.