

Scratch Safety Guidance

As part of the Scratch community, you are sharing projects and ideas with people:

- from many different countries and cultures
- from many different schools in Northern Ireland
- of all ages (from young children to adults)
- with all levels of experience with ICT

We need your help to make this community a safe, enjoyable and supportive place for every member. Here's how you can help:

- **Be respectful.** When sharing projects or posting comments, remember that many people of different ages and backgrounds will see your contributions.
- **Offer constructive comments.** It is good to comment on Scratch projects you see. Always say positive things and offer suggestions on how to make it better.
- **Give credit.** Feel free to make modified versions of other people's Scratch projects that you like - just make sure to give them credit. One place to give credit is in your Project Notes.
- **Be honest.** Don't pretend to be someone else within the Scratch community.
- **Keep personal information private.** Don't share your full name, home address, email address, phone number, or other personal contact information. Never upload a photograph of yourself.
- **Help keep the site friendly.** If you feel others would find a project or comment mean, insulting, too violent, or otherwise inappropriate, click the link that says "flag as inappropriate."

In the Forums, you can do the same thing by clicking on the "Report" link below a post. The Scratch team will review, and may remove any project, comment or post.

All projects shared on the Scratch website, as well as the Scratch support materials, are shared under the Creative Commons licence with the conditions: [Attribution - Share Alike](#). The Scratch software is completely free of charge and its source code is available under the [Scratch Licence](#). The software behind the Scratch website is under the General Public Licence version 2.

To learn more about Scratch moderation policies, visit the [Moderation on the Scratch website](#) page.



Your privacy and safety online are very important. To protect your privacy, Scratch limits what is collected and what is published on the website. **Never upload a photograph or image of yourself or your family.**



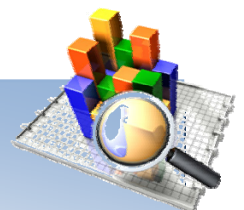
Using Scratch Software

- When you first use Scratch software, you will have the option of telling Scratch some things about yourself. You do not have to fill in any of this information if you don't want to.
- The only required information is your username, password, gender, country and your month and year of birth.
- You will not be asked for your name, phone number, or home address. Do not put any personal details into Scratch. Follow the following THINK guidelines:
- **T**ell your Teacher, Mum or Dad if you see something online that upsets you, or if someone makes you feel unhappy.
- **H**ide your password. Never share it with your friends. Someone else could go online pretending to be you and do something that could get you into trouble.
- **I**nteresting websites can be fun. Check with your teacher if a site is okay to use before you visit. Sometimes they can set up a good list of sites just for you.
- Be **N**ice to people you talk to on the internet or phone. Name-calling or being mean is not cool. Look out for yourself and for others.
- **K**eep your special personal information safe. Never give your real name, address or phone number to anyone online. Use a nickname in Scratch forums or when you play games on the computer and never put your photograph online.
- Scratch does not make any of your profile information public on the website, except your username and country.
- Scratch does not sell or rent your information to anyone.

Changing Your Password or Deleting Your Account



You can change your password or delete your account at any time. To change your password, enter your account name or email address on the [password recovery page](#). If you want to delete your (or your child's) account, please email help@scratch.mit.edu and let Scratch know 1) the username, 2) the email address used on the account, and 3) the date of birth used on the account.



Research

Some of the information and data collected on the Scratch website may be used in research studies intended to understand and improve people's experiences by Scratch. The results of this research are shared with educators and researchers through conferences, journals, and other publications.