Online Grooming Series:

Minecraft

Minecraft: A Practical Parent Guide

This guide helps parents understand how Minecraft works, where conversations happen, and how to reduce risk through shared management and regular check-ins–without fear or tech overwhelm.

What Parents Should Know

Minecraft allows children to build and explore worlds together on public and private servers, often with chat features enabled. Some servers include strangers and limited moderation.

Before Your Child Uses Minecraft

- Discuss which servers are safe to use
- Decide if chat features should be enabled
- Set clear expectations about sharing information

Shared Account Management

Minecraft should not be used in secret. Parents should know which servers their child uses and monitor communication when possible.

Where to Find Key Safety Controls

Chat Settings

Settings → Multiplayer / Chat
- Disable chat or limit interactions

Server Access

Settings → Multiplayer
- Use private or whitelisted servers

Account Controls

Microsoft Account → Family Settings
- Screen time limits
- Multiplayer permissions

Menu names may change as platforms update. Review settings together regularly.

This Is Not Set-and-Forget

Servers change. New players join. Regular conversations help keep play safe.

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