

CHANDIGARH COMMISSION FOR PROTECTION OF CHILD RIGHTS
(Union Territory)



Ms. Shipra Bansal
(Chairperson)

Ref No. CCPCR/2023/48/366
Dated- 18/10/2023

To,

The Adviser to the Administrator
U.T. Chandigarh

Subject: Advisory on cyber Security for the schools in view of safety and security of the children

As you are aware that Chandigarh Commission for Protection of Child Rights (hereinafter referred to as "the commission") has been constituted under section 17 of the Commission for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005 vide a notification issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs vide notification no. F.No.11030/1/2007-UTL dated 7th August 2013 as a statutory body for dealing with protection of Child Rights and in other matters related to deprivation of child rights.

As per mandate of the Commission in view of the safety and security of the Children of the School, the Commission has prepared the advisory in this regard which is as under: -

- 1. Cyber Awareness Programs:** Schools should conduct regular cyber awareness programs to educate both the students and teachers about the potential risks and safe online practices. Cyber Crime Police Station, Chandigarh Police be involved for the organising the Training on Cyber Security for the children and staff.
- 2. Safe Internet Usage:** Encourage students to use the internet responsibly. Teach them about the importance of not sharing personal information, such as their full name, address, phone number, or school details, with strangers online.
- 3. Privacy Settings:** Instruct students on how to adjust privacy settings on social media and other online platforms to limit the amount of personal information visible to others.
- 4. Password Management:** Emphasize the importance of strong, unique passwords for different accounts. Encourage them not to share passwords with anyone, even close friends.

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- 5. Recognizing Cyberbullying:** Educate students about the signs of cyberbullying and how to report it to a trusted adult. Encourage them to stand up against online harassment.
- 6. Content Filtering:** Implement content filtering and monitoring software on school computers and networks to block inappropriate content and ensure safer browsing.
- 7. Phishing Awareness:** Teach students to recognize phishing attempts and suspicious emails. They should never click on links or download attachments from unknown sources.
- 8. Respect for Others:** Promote respect and empathy online. Remind students that their online actions can have real-world consequences, and they should treat others as they would in person.
- 9. Reporting Mechanisms:** Establish clear reporting mechanisms for students to report any cyberbullying or inappropriate online behavior. Ensure that they know how to report to school authorities.
- 10. Safe Social Media Use:** If students use social media, advise them on the importance of not accepting friend requests or messages from strangers and to think before sharing personal photos or information.
- 11. Balanced Screen Time:** Encourage a healthy balance between online and offline activities. Excessive screen time can have negative effects on physical and mental well-being.
- 12. Online Gaming Safety:** If students engage in online gaming, remind them not to share personal information or engage in conversations with strangers. They should also report any inappropriate behaviour.
- 13. Parental Involvement:** Encourage parents to be actively involved in their child's online activities. They should know what platforms their children use and set rules for safe internet usage at home.
- 14. Continuous Education:** Cyber threats and trends evolve, so it's important to provide ongoing education and updates on cybersecurity to both students and staff.

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15. Legal Consequences: Make students aware of the legal consequences of cyberbullying, harassment, and other online offenses. Understanding the law can deter inappropriate behavior.

You are requested to pass the directions to the Secretary Education, Chandigarh Administration for further instructions to all the Government and Private Schools of Chandigarh to ensure the compliance of the advisory.



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A copy is forwarded to the Secretary Education, Chandigarh Administration for information.


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