

Public Safety Advisory | Roblox Safety Concerns

The Dangers of Roblox can Extend **BEYOND THE GAME.**

Roblox is more than a video game platform. Millions of children interact daily through live chat features, private messaging, voice communication, friend systems, and user-generated experiences with strangers online. Multiple lawsuits and child safety advocates allege that predators have used Roblox communication tools to contact, groom, and exploit minors before moving conversations to outside platforms like Discord, Snapchat, and Instagram.



152 minutes

**AVERAGE TIME
CHILDREN PLAY DAILY**

Statista



40% of Users

**UNDER THE
AGE OF 13**

APA, 2024*



over 65,000 reports
INVOLVING SUSPECTED ONLINE
CHILD EXPLOITATION TO NCMEC'S
CYBERTIPLINE IN 2025.

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The Problem with Roblox

Child Focused Platform. Serious Safety Concerns.

Roblox is more than a gaming platform. **Approximately 40% of Roblox users are under age 13.** The platform reports more than 151.5 million monthly active users, 35.8 million daily active users under age 13, and nearly 39.6 billion hours of gameplay.

Lawsuits allege that predators used Roblox communication tools to contact, groom, and exploit minors before moving conversations to outside apps like Discord and Snapchat. Child safety advocates have also raised concerns about inappropriate content exposure, addictive engagement systems, gambling-style monetization mechanics, and inadequate parental safeguards for young users.

As of January 5, 2026, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation reported **85 pending cases** in MDL-3166, In Re: Roblox Corporation Child Sexual Exploitation and Assault Litigation.

The Harm Goes Beyond Gaming

Child Safety Failures Have Consequences

When platforms heavily used by children fail to implement adequate safeguards against grooming, exploitation, harmful content, addictive engagement systems, and manipulative monetization practices, the consequences can be serious and lasting. Families involved in litigation allege that Roblox prioritized growth, engagement, and profit over meaningful child safety protections. Holding platforms accountable means demanding stronger moderation systems, better parental controls, age-verification safeguards, and safer online environments for children and teens.

In February 2026, authorities alleged that two minor girls were kidnapped by a 19-year-old man they met on Roblox and later communicated with through Snapchat, according to ABC News.



What Parents Can Do Right Now?

01 USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Disable private messaging, limit chat features, review friend requests, and closely monitor whom younger children interact with online. Many children who use Roblox communicate daily with strangers through live chat, voice chat, and user-generated games. Younger children often lack the maturity to recognize manipulation, inappropriate behavior, or online grooming risks. Strong parental controls and active supervision can help reduce exposure to predators, harmful content, and unsafe online interactions.

Source: FBI, *National Center for Missing & Exploited Children*

02 NO PHONES IN BEDROOMS OVERNIGHT

Keep gaming devices in visible family areas rather than in bedrooms or isolated spaces. Children are less vulnerable to risky online interactions when parents can casually observe gameplay, conversations, and online behavior. Shared spaces also help reduce compulsive gaming, late-night screen use, and secretive communication with strangers online.

Source: *American Academy of Pediatrics*

03 STAY ON THE PLATFORM

Teach children never to move conversations from Roblox to outside apps like Discord, Snapchat, Instagram, or private texting platforms. Child safety experts warn that predators often attempt to shift conversations to less monitored platforms where communication becomes harder for parents to supervise and easier to conceal.

Source: *FBI Child Exploitation Warnings*

04 DISABLE SPENDING

Many games on Roblox rely on Robux spending systems, limited-time items, reward loops, and gambling-style monetization mechanics designed to encourage repeated purchases and prolonged engagement. Disable in-game purchases, require parental approval for transactions, and regularly review spending activity tied to your child's account.

Source: *FTC, UK Gambling Commission*

05 WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

Pay attention to warning signs, including secrecy, emotional outbursts, compulsive gaming, sudden spending, withdrawal from offline activities, inappropriate conversations, or contact with unknown users online. Researchers and mental health experts warn that excessive gaming and unsafe online interactions can negatively impact emotional regulation, sleep, and adolescent mental health.

If a child appears fearful, secretive, emotionally attached to an online relationship, or reluctant to discuss certain interactions, remain calm and avoid shame or punishment. Experts recommend documenting concerning behavior, saving screenshots or messages, limiting contact with suspicious users, and having open, supportive conversations focused on safety rather than blame. In situations involving exploitation, threats, sexual content, or predatory behavior, parents should report concerns to local law enforcement, the FBI, or the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's CyberTipline.

Source: *WHO, American Psychological Association, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children*

06 KEEP THE CONVERSATION AT HOME GOING

Children and young teens often lack the neurological and emotional maturity to recognize manipulation, coercion, grooming, or financial exploitation online. Ongoing conversations about online safety, boundaries, predators, and digital behavior remain one of the strongest protective factors parents can provide for children navigating online gaming platforms.

Source: *National Center for Missing & Exploited Children*