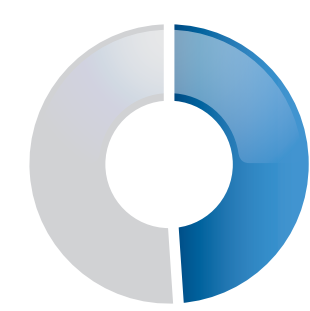# Is Your Teen a Good Digital Citizen?

Teens

49% Report receiving or viewing hateful, sexist or racist comments

$400 Average amount lost to cyber crime reported by teens

93% Teens who use the Internet

14.4 million Number of Facebook users 17 and under

75% Teens who use mobile phones

Top 5 Teen Cyber Crime Complaints:
- Non-delivery (paying for, but not receiving, merchandise)
- Auction fraud
- Debit/credit card fraud
- Confidence fraud (aka advance-fee fraud, such as Nigerian letter scams)
- Computer fraud

Online

1 in 5 teens admits to having cyber-bullied others
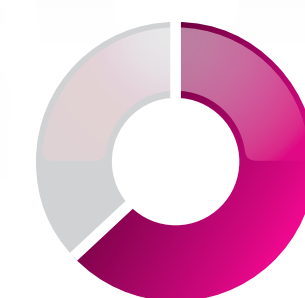
Gaming

1 in 3 Teens play games rated for older teens and adults
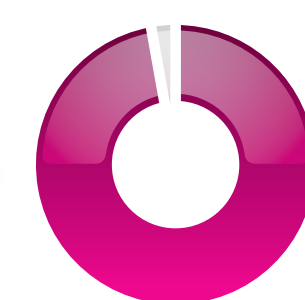
97% Teens play computer games

63% Teens who report witnessing hateful, racist or sexist comments during game play

Mobile

SMS

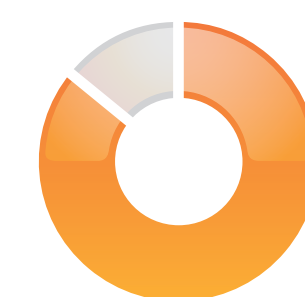**100 per day** Number of texts per day sent by 33% of teens

1.5 million Teens who have sent sexually suggestive images or video of themselves

6 million Teens who report receiving sexually suggestive images from someone they know

Music

86% Teens who believe it's okay to illegally download and share music

800 songs Average number of illegally downloaded or shared songs on a teen's player

How can you help?

Get involved: When parents know about teens' online activities, teens are much less likely to engage in risky or harmful behavior.

Help create a society of responsible technology users.

Teach kids how to be safer, more secure and smarter citizens of the digital world.

Help kids:
- ↘ **Understand** their rights and responsibilities.
- ↘ **Recognize** the benefits and risks of online communication and transactions.
- ↘ **Realize** the personal and ethical implications of their actions online.

For more tips and information, visit: www.microsoft.com/security

Sources: Pew Internet, Facebook, University of Hertfordshire, US Census Bureau, GovernmentSecurity.org, Microsoft, Barna Group. Various studies of American teens aged 12 – 17.

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