iPad/iPhone Saftey Tips for Parents:

Unfiltered, unrestricted 3G or cellular enabled devices have 24-7 wide-open access to the Internet and all of its content. Some may think, well, the device is just wireless, no 3G, but that means at any place—Starbucks, McDonald's, friend's house, (in your house when they connect to your neighbor's Wi-Fi that is not password protected) they can connect to the wide-open Internet with a couple of clicks.

For your personal devices, if you are interested in filtering your child's iPhone or iPad device . . . please read below.

1. You can turn OFF the Internet all together and block it with a password. Settings/General/Restrictions. Set a restrictions code that you do not share with your student. Then turn off Safari. You will also want to turn off installing apps so they are not able to install an app that allows them Internet access. When you want to install an app for them or allow them to have Internet access with your supervision, you will go to the Restrictions and enable Safari and installing apps. Then be sure to disable before giving the device back to the student. Note when you turn off Safari, if you have downloaded an app like Instagram, the student will still have access to Instagram and any other app that you have installed that access an online tool. You are just blocking going to Safari and searching the Internet.

2. In this same Restrictions area in Settings, you can also set other restrictions for movies, podcasts, tv shows, apps, etc.

3. If you want your student to have access to the Internet but not free-range, with the newer IOS versions, in Settings/Genral/Restrictions, you can now restrict adult content. This does NOT restrict all adult content. The other option under websites, is the option to only allow certain websites, and you can add them here. This will allow your students to get to Safari but only to the specific sites you list. If you choose this option, you have to turn Safari back on in the Restrictions. A side benefit of restricting in this area is that the child can no longer delete his/her history through Settings/Genral/Safari. The option will be grayed out.

There is **a free app for iPhone/iPad called mobicip** available in app store that you can download to the device to help protect your children from seeing inappropriate content. This was what I used BEFORE the new IOS gave us website restrictions. **If you have website restrictions (mentioned above), that is the easier way to go**. When you download the free app, the app will tell you the settings you need to change on your device in Settings/General/Restrictions in order for the mobicip to work such as turning OFF: Safari, **installing apps** (very important), iTunes, AND going on and setting content filtering in Restrictions for movies, podcasts, tv shows, apps, books, etc. If you restrict the apps to a certain age like 12+, all apps that were previously on your child's iphone or ipad that were above that rating will be invisible to the child until you remove that restriction. Also note that when you restrict the app age limit, any apps with a higher rating will not be able to be downloaded until you turn off that particular restriction, and iTunes will not give you a message telling you why you can't download it; it just won't work.

You may want to consider turning off FaceTime, iTunes Store, iBooks Store (there is adult content in the iBooks Store that is easily searchable.) You can turn back on any of these options as needed when you are supervising your child.

4. It is also equally important to be sure your children do NOT have:
· Your iTunes password
· Your restrictions password
· Your mobicip login password (if you go that route.)

Nothing is 100% guaranteed nor a substitute for monitoring/checking your child's device, but the restrictions in conjunction with the **mobicip app** would be a good place to start.

**Note when you want your child to download an app from the app store, you would have to disable the restrictions to allow installing apps and iTunes, allow them to download, and then you would reset the restrictions. (If you don't disable installing apps and iTunes, then those smart sweeties can just download another app that allows them access to the wide-open web.)

Another app to be aware of is iBooks when children go to search the iBooks store, there is adult content available in the iBooks store unless that explicit content is also disabled for iBooks in your device's restrictions.

5. Additional restrictions you may want to check in the General/Settings/Restrictions area:

Location Services. You can turn on/off which apps use your child's location and click Don't Allow Changes once you've made the choices. For example, you may not want the camera to use your child's location on all pictures but you may want to allow the weather app to use the location.

Contacts. You can prevent apps from using your contacts in your phone.

Photos. Apps that have requested access to your camera roll will appear here. You can allow or disallow apps to have access to your photos.

Accounts. Disallowing changes in accounts prevents adding, removing or modifying accounts in Mail, Contacts, Calendars.

Cellular Data Usage. If you want to allow your child to use wifi but not use your cellular data package, you can block his/her usage of cellular which will allow him/her to use wifi when it is available for apps that use the Internet.

Adding Friends. This will prevent your child from adding strangers to their games in the game center.

6. To check your child's web history if you do allow Safari, simply go to the Safari app, at the bottom of the screen, click the bookmarks icon (looks like an open book) and then click History. You will see any sites they have visited and search words if they have searched.

7. Be cautious of apps like Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, that allow your child to "search" or "explore" by topic, because if you allow an app like Twitter, your child set up an account and can search through Twitter by topic and follow inappropriate twitter accounts with inappropriate content, movie files, etc. , that even with restrictions can be viewed on the device. There are people in the world that will create these type of accounts with the purpose of sharing inappropriate content. All your child has to do is search by keyword for example, naughty content and then follow those people and then he/she will be able to see all of their naughty content.