Staying Safe Online

Comic Book
Eva is 11 years old. She loves dancing, being creative, and watching videos online with her best friend Aisha.
When they are together, they love to make their own funny videos and dream of becoming famous.

(Eva’s little brother Tom is never far away.)

Eva and Aisha have been making silly videos for fun all day.

It’s getting late, I’m going to go home.

See you at school tomorrow.
Instead of going to bed, Eva decides to spend more time scrolling online. Suddenly, she sees an online ad looking for child stars. Eva thinks this could be really fun, so she uploads a video of herself.

If I upload these videos online, I wonder if I can get some likes and become an influencer?

Oh! What’s this?

I’m going to upload a video! Let’s see what happens!

Looking for the next big child star. Upload your videos here and show us what you’ve got!
Immediately, she gets a DM from a stranger. Usually Eva wouldn’t talk to a stranger, but she can see this message is about her video, so she responds.

The stranger asks if she has any other friends or siblings who would be interested in becoming famous. Eva thinks of Aisha and Tom, so she sends a video of her and Aisha and a few photos of her younger brother.

(But do you think Eva really knows who she is talking to?)
The next morning, Eva wakes up to more messages from the stranger. They all say how talented she and Aisha are and that they really have a shot at becoming famous.

When Eva gets to school, she can’t wait to tell Aisha.

You are both too pretty not to try out.

You were born stars.

You are such great dancers.

What? Show me, show me!

Aisha! Look at this. We’re going to be famous!
Aisha isn’t as excited as Eva thought she would be. Actually, Aisha looks a bit upset by what Eva has just said.

Eva can see that her best friend is worried. Now Eva is concerned. Maybe she made a mistake?

They think we’re beautiful and want us to send more dancing videos.

Eva! We’ve learned about unsafe strangers and tricky people at school! You know we’re not meant to speak to people online who we don’t know or share personal private information.
Aisha suggests that they go talk to their teacher who is a trusted adult.

I don’t think this is safe. Let’s ask our teacher what we should do.

The girls find their teacher and tell him about the ad and the messages. They also tell him they’re both worried now.

Thank you so much for telling me, girls. Don’t worry. I will talk to your parents after school and we will take care of things.

Is this okay?

Yes.

Yes.
IF SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAS HAPPENED TO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, USE THE BELOW INFORMATION TO GET HELP:

- **000**
  - For emergencies

- **131 444**
  - For non-emergency situations requiring a timely response

- **1800 333 000**
  - To report in confidence to Crime Stoppers

  - Use this form to report online child sexual exploitation

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