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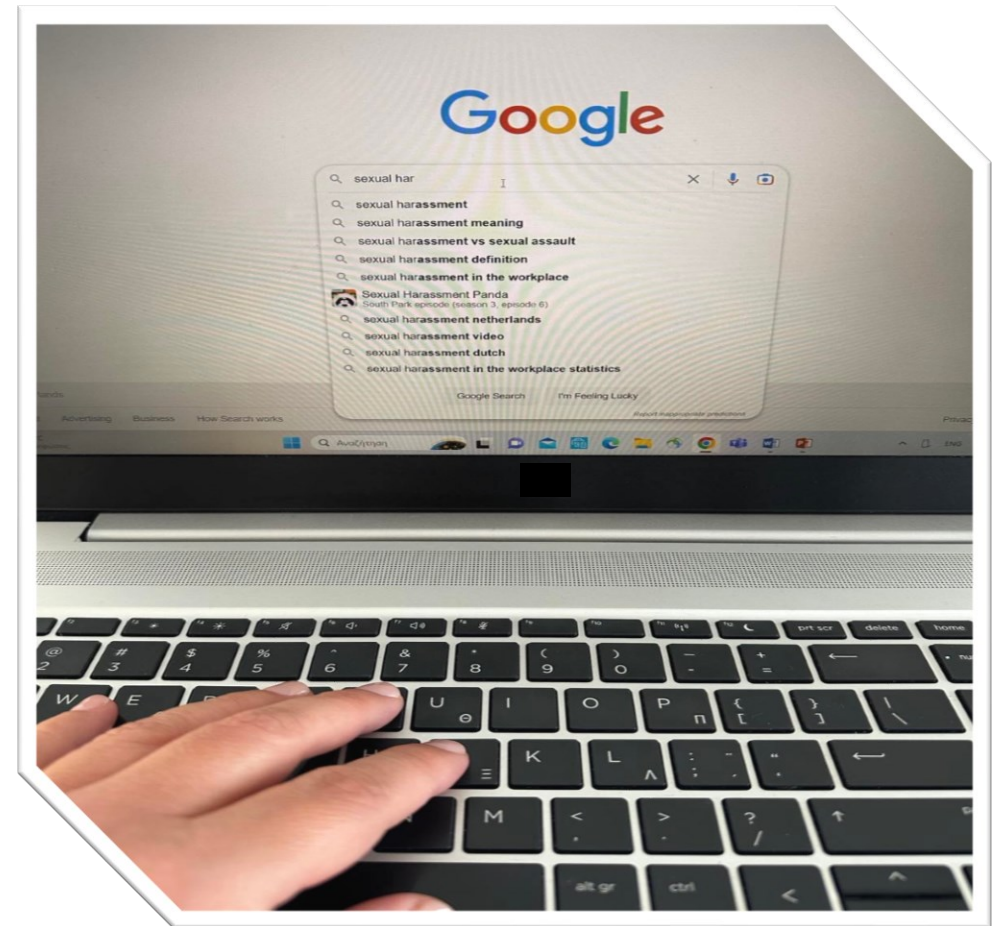
Useful information about searching in the internet: a guide for parents

SEARCHING ONLINE

✓ Most of you may have searched information in the Internet for different topics concerning the safety of your children

✓ Have you ever wondered if the information you find are reliable?

✓ You may find misleading sources and misinformation

✓ It is very important to find reliable and correct sources for your information

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Let's see some techniques that may help you to assess the sources you find online

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CHARACTERISTICS OF RELIABLE SOURCES

A source can be characterized as "reliable" if it includes the following criteria:

- ✓ **written by an expert**

- ✓ **is explicit and its data can be verified in another sources**

- ✓ **is unprejudice**

- ✓ **is current**

QUESTIONS FOR YOURSELF

When looking for a source you should ask yourself some questions that will help you to understand if a source is reliable or not.

Let's see these questions...

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- ➤ What is the date of its publication?
- ➤ Does the story match the headline?
- ➤ Is it related to the topic that I am looking for?
- ➤ Can I identify the same information in another source?

- ➤ Who is the author?
- ➤ What was the reason for publishing the source? (For example the author has a benefit, or wants to inform or to sell a product/service?)

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SOME EXTRA TIPS

The reliability of the sources can be identify also from the url (link). For instance, websites that have in their link the following abbreviation:

.edu are from educational institutions
.gov are from government authorities
.org are from non-profit organizations

BUT

.blogspot refers to personal blog (not always of a scientist)

.com mostly refers to commercial enterprices

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