



# BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

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## PARENT & COMMUNITY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Online multiplayer games are powerful avenues to build empowering, and engaging connections with other people. Playing online games with others can build life-long connections.
- The prevalence of toxicity, hate, and harassment in games increases a community's vulnerability to exploitation by extremists because the differences between toxicity and extremist propaganda or rhetoric can be hard to understand, especially when it is presented or disregarded as funny or in the form of a meme (which is commonplace).
- Issues with toxicity and extremism are not unique to online multiplayer games. However, there are unique factors to consider in the context of games due to the fact they are highly social, center around a shared activity, and encourage friendship building.
- Not all communities will or should have the same norms, it is important to ask questions and spend time in various communities to understand their norms.
- It is important to open broader discussions around the safety of our online communities. This will require the combined efforts of policymakers, the game industry, community, and subject matter experts.

### Strategies to Support Community Safety and Resilience



Additional resources!

- **Learn about games!** There are many different multiplayer games with opportunities for communication and connection.
- **Play games!** Spending time playing with the gamers in your life is a great way to connect with them & to better understand the games they play.
- **Talk about safety!** Do they feel safe when playing? What are their safety/privacy settings?
- **Speak up!** Support community focused initiatives and legislation & call out misinformation about games.