



Loving Anime Without Losing Yourself Online Fandom Safety Guide for Parents & Guardians

- ✓ Fandom communities can be wonderful places for creativity, belonging, and encouragement — but they can also carry risks when boundaries are unclear.
- ✓ Children and teens should **not share personal information online**, including real name, age, school, location, photos, or schedules.
- ✓ Online friends may seem kind and supportive, but people are not always who they claim to be.
- ✓ Watch for warning signs such as irritability, secrecy, withdrawal, emotional overinvestment, or anger when asked to disconnect.
- ✓ Encourage balance: healthy fandom enjoyment should exist alongside real-world friendships, responsibilities, and rest.
- ✓ Keep communication open, curious, and judgment-free so kids feel safe coming to you.