

Snakes and Ladders: Online Safety Edition!

Navigating the internet can feel tricky sometimes, much like a game of Snakes and Ladders. But in this version of the classic game, there's a twist. The objective is to be the first to reach the 100th square but some squares have snakes and some squares have ladders. If you land on the head of a snake, read out an online safety statement below (match the number of the statement you read with the number of your square). Uh-oh! A snake means you didn't follow online safety guidelines correctly and have to slide down its tail. If you land at the bottom of a ladder, read out an online safety statement below (match the number of the statement you read with the number of your square). Woo! Ladders mean you followed online safety guidelines correctly and can go up to the top rung.

Challenge Mode: In this version, you can still be saved if you land on a snake. Before you start the game, everyone chooses their own special number from 1 to 6. Then, if you land on a snake and read the online safety statement aloud, you can have a chance to save yourself by rolling the dice again. If the dice lands on your special number, you have the chance to state what the correct course of online safety action would have been instead of the behaviour shown in the statement you read aloud. (Suggested answers are upside down on the bottom of this page). If you do not land on your special number, you do not have the chance to save yourselves, and must slide down to the tail of the snake.



LADDERS – Great Job! You followed online safety guidelines correctly!

#4: Way to be observant! Before making a purchase, you made sure that it was on a credible website, and checked for the “https:” at the beginning of the URL. The “s” after the “http” lets you know that the website is secure!

#12: Smart thinking! You used a nickname instead of your real name to sign up for a social media account. This makes it harder for predators and other people with bad intentions to locate you.

#40: Great job keeping it close! You only add people on your social media accounts who you know in real life and who are your friends.

#57: Good choice! You didn't respond to a message from someone that was mean or made you feel uncomfortable. Instead, you told an adult and didn't respond to the person.

#72: Very responsible! Someone sent you an embarrassing photo of someone else and told you to send it to people you know. You refused, reported them, and told an adult.



SNAKES – Oops! You didn't follow online safety guidelines correctly!

#23: Oh no! You sent photos of yourself to someone online whom you thought you could trust... now you got a message from someone else saying they've seen them too. Remember that what you put on the internet, stays on the internet!

#96: Not all social media accounts are real! You got a DM from the Instagram account of an influencer telling you that you won a giveaway. You responded with your personal phone number and now you're stuck getting a ton of spam calls every day.

#47: Oops! You made the password to one of your accounts too easy to guess. Now a hacker has gained access and locked you out of your own account!

#73: Not everyone is who you think they are! After talking with someone online, you made plans to meet with them—alone. Now you can see they lied about some aspects of who they were.

#58: Whoops! You forgot to install and keep your antivirus program up to date. Now you have spyware on your computer and someone has access to your personal data!

Suggested answers.

#23: Don't send anything online you wouldn't want everyone to see! | #47: Make sure there are uppercase letters, lowercase letters, symbols and numbers in your passwords! | #58: Keep an up to date antivirus software on your digital devices! | #73: Don't meet with anyone you talk with online without telling an adult first! | #96: Stay away from pop-up ads and don't give out personal information!

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Playing in challenge mode? [Don't forget to choose your special number!](#)