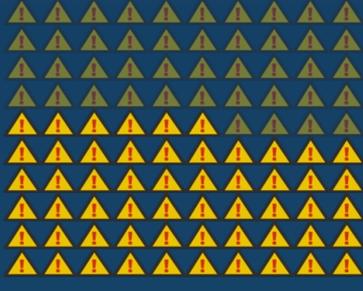


# Global Online Safety Survey 2023: Germany

Parents' and kids' perceptions of online safety

**56%** of respondents in Germany reported experiencing a risk during the past year



Wide range across the globe of users who experienced an online risk (global = 69%)

**Highest**



86%

PHILIPPINES

**Lowest**



50%

UNITED KINGDOM

**43%**

of people became less trusting (DE=32%)



## What are the risks?



### Misinformation & Disinformation

The single most prevalent risk reported was misinformation or disinformation

39%



### Personal

- 27% Hate speech
- 17% Cyberbullying, harassment, abuse
- 10% Threats of violence

33%



### Violent Content

- 18% Real world graphic violence & gore
- 8% Terrorist & violent extremist content



### Sexual

- 14% Sexual solicitation
- 6% Release of intimate images without consent
- 5% Child sexual exploitation

18%



### Self Harm

- 9% Suicide and self harm content

9%

## Parents underestimated risks their teenager might have been exposed to

- Parental expectations of teen's risk experience
- Actual teen's risk experience



## Differences between teen boys' & girls' risk experiences and worries

### Experience more:

Terrorist, violent extremist content  
10% vs 8%



### Experience more:

Hate speech  
37% vs 29%



### Worry more about:

Violent content risks  
26% vs 22%



Terrorist, violent extremist content  
15% vs 12%



### Worry more about:

Sexual solicitation  
19% vs 12%



Sexual Risks  
62% vs 41%



Sexual solicitation  
27% vs 12%

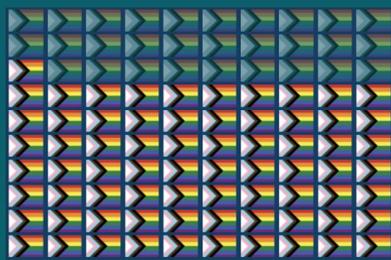


TEEN BOYS

TEEN GIRLS

## More risks for LGBTQ+ population

**71%** of LGBTQ+ experienced a risk (global=80%)



All risks were higher for LGBTQ+ respondents

### Biggest gaps:

45% vs 25% NON-LGBTQ+  
Hate speech

27% vs 7% NON-LGBTQ+  
Suicide and self-harm content

## How are parents keeping children safe?



76%

of parents took at least one **child safety action**

65%

of parents used at least one **parental safety tool**

2.6 average number of safety tools used by parents



### TOP SAFETY TOOLS USED BY PARENTS



1. My children have child-specific accounts on apps or other online services they use



2. I set up safe search on my children's browsers to block explicit content



3. I use parental controls on apps or other services my children use

### TOP CHILD SAFETY ACTIONS



1. My children need my approval before they purchase, download or install anything



2. I set screen-time limits for online usage



3. I regularly review games, apps, and social media sites before they are used by my children

## Teens are taking actions to protect their safety

**77%**

of parents of teens don't think safety tools are necessary (Base: parents who hadn't setup a tool yet)



**64%**

of teens tell someone after experiencing a risk



**73%**

told their parents



### How do teens protect themselves?

**#1**

I set up my account so only people who I approved can message me

46%

**#2**

I use private accounts (so only people who you approve can access your content)

44%

**#3**

I adhere to the minimum age requirements for the services I use

39%