

Advice for Parents and Carers

What you need to know about 'Squid Game'



Suitable only for people of age 15 and over

What is it?

A 9 episode South Korean fictional series which has topped Netflix's ratings in 90 countries. The **adult themed** show displays themes of horror, violence, gambling and sexual content. The shows popularity has meant it has spread across online platforms that children may use meaning that children are at risk of being exposed to **unsuitable scenes**.

Age rated 15, the survival drama sees hundreds of debt-ridden contestants take on tasks - masked as popular children's playground games - for a huge cash prize. The losers however are violently killed.

In a popular game, participants run towards a finish line when 'green light' is called out, then freeze if 'red light' is shouted. Any players caught moving are eliminated, which means they are shot dead in the fictional screen version. Scenes like this have led to children wanting to imitate scenes from the show.

What should you do to help your child?

Please be extra vigilant when allowing your children to use devices. Control what content your children can watch.

- use parental controls- setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile means that children only have access to TV shows and movies which have been carefully selected for children. The look and feel of the app is simpler and children can't access any account settings.
- monitor their online activity
- monitor their behaviour
- check the age ratings of films/shows/games- if children are not of the age to meet the certification, then they shouldn't really be watching that series/film.
- have open conversations
- watch the show to get a better understanding of what it is your child is at risk of watching
- supervise them

Schools warn parents not to let children watch Squid Game

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Children have been taking inspiration for games from the violent TV show (Pictures: Getty/Backarid/Netflix)

