



Pokemon Go Safety Tip Sheet

You can make [Pokemon Go](#) part of your family's healthier lifestyle routine, but it's important to make sure you and your children learn to safely use the popular app. To help local families, we compiled this list of tips for gamers and parents who are heading out to search for Pokestops.



Educate yourself and your children on how to protect your personal information online. Issues with the app having full access to the information in your Google account seem fixed for now, but always be vigilant when it comes to internet privacy concerns.



Set firm limits on the amount of time spent using the app and boundaries where you and your children can use the app.



Do not try and find or capture Pokemon while driving, skateboarding, biking, etc.



Be aware of your surroundings.

- Pokemon Go is a great way of exploring your neighborhood and discovering new locales. But hunting Pokemon late at night in an unfamiliar neighborhood is not a good idea.
- Beware of using your mobile device on train platforms, stairs, by the exit doors on public transportation, near bodies of water, and by busy roadways.
- Do not hunt Pokemon in abandoned buildings, dump yards, or construction sites. Be aware of gang territories and areas where gun crime and other street violence is high; do not loiter or trespass in those areas; avoid confrontation.



Be polite and courteous.

- Avoid using the app in congested areas or at major events where there is a lot of foot traffic.
- Private property is PRIVATE, and you should not trespass.
- Be respectful of memorials and other areas meant for reflection, worshipping, and mourning.



Pokemon in groups for safety and socializing.

- Stranger danger should still be in full effect. Teach kids about safety with regards to talking to strangers while hunting Pokemon or at Pokestops and Gyms.



Be mindful of Chicagoland's notorious weather.

- Rainy and foggy days limit visibility and create slick pavements.
- Dress appropriately for extremes in heat and cold.
- Keep hydrated on hot days and don't forget your sunscreen and insect repellent.