1 st Period Children living the smartphone era

How to use smartphones "properly"

How long have we had smartphones?

Smartphones didn't even exist a decade and some years ago, but now many of you may say, "I can't go back to the days when we had no smartphones any more!"

Not like us, the grown-ups, children now have had smartphones besides them since they were born. They are literally living "the smartphone era."

Recently, we see little children with smartphones everywhere.

Children are amazing. They learn how to operate smartphones from watching other people, and use them even better than us (adults).

However, even if they can operate smartphones better than adults, it doesn't mean that they know how to use them "properly".

Then, do we grown-ups know how to use them "properly"?

Outside the Internet world which children can easily touch in their hands through smartphones, adults should teach children many things as they grow up in the real world.

How to cross streets, how to ride a bicycle, or lessons such as "Don't follow someone you don't know" and so on...

But what about in the Internet world? Do you teach your children about how to use smartphones "properly", the fear of the world beyond the Internet, or how to deal with the risks?



Anything can be connected to the Internet now

We refer to "smartphones" in this handbook as a gateway to the Internet but they are not the only one. You can also have internet access through various devices including computers, tablets, feature phones, gaming devices. Without subscription or a SIM, you can have Internet access via Wi-Fi environment if you have a smartphone.

Since you have access to the Internet through various devices, you could fall a victim to crimes described in the following pages not only through smartphone but through any devices accessible to the Internet. We should check your household to see what appliances are connected to the Internet.