

Checklist: Distance learning safety tips

Hiring a tutor

- Research resume
- Ask for references
- Background check:
 - TEA Do Not Hire Registry-<https://tealprod.tea.state.tx.us/DNH/Public/SearchPerson>
 - Teacher Disciplinary Record Search- <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/investigations/disciplinary-actions-taken-against-texas-educators>
 - Teacher Certification Lookup- <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-educators/certification/certificate-lookup>
 - Sex Offender Registry- <https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/SexOffenderRegistry>
 - Harris County Background Check-713-755-7300, <https://www.hcdistrictclerk.com/edocs/public/search.aspx>

Pod safety

- Fire Extinguisher in Home
- Emergency Contact List
- EpiPen/Allergy Protocols
- Lock-up and secure guns
- Background check (see above)

Online learning

Courtesy: Montgomery County District Attorney's Office

- Talk to children often about the dangers of online predators and closely monitor their internet and social media use
- Research commercially available parental controls for your children's computers and smartphones. These controls can limit website access, internet usages, and monitor the sites children access
- Visit the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's educational "NetSmartz" page at <https://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/home> for free digital resources about keeping children safe online.

- Visit the United State Department of Justice website at <https://www.justice.gov/coronavirus/keeping-children-safe-online/> for online safety tips
- Visit Homeland Security website at <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/online-safety> for information about online safety and human trafficking
- Visit Texas Attorney General website at <https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/cyber-safety> for statistics and online resources
- Report any concern for online abuse to your local law enforcement agency and to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children