Results of a cyber safety survey of 145,426 children and adolescents, conducted over three years with respondents from 30 different countries, have recently been released. Here are some of the findings related to cyber safety:

**Global cyber risk exposure**

- 60% of children aged 8 to 12 are exposed to one or more forms of cyber risk.
- 45% of these children are affected by cyberbullying.
- 39% experienced reputation risks.
- 29% were exposed to risky content (violent or sexual).

**Top 10 safest countries**

The top 10 countries for online safety ranking is based on six areas of safety:

1. Spain
2. Australia
3. Malaysia*
4. Singapore
5. Korea
6. Italy*
7. Japan
8. Turkey
9. India*
10. China

*Sampling in these countries are biased towards private schools.

**Australia's ranking in six areas of online safety**

- **Social Infrastructure** (i.e., government policies and industry practices) - 3rd
- **Connectivity** (i.e., meaningful access to internet) - 4th
- **Digital Competency** (i.e., ability to use technology safely and responsibly) - 6th
- **Cyber Risks** (i.e., cyberbullying, risky content and contact with strangers) - 11th
- **Disciplined Digital Use** (i.e., excessive screen time and mobile phone ownership) - 11th
- **Guidance and Education** (i.e., protective support and direction from parents and schools) - 15th