



PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM ONLINE PREDATORS

ONLINE ABUSE STATISTICS

- Approximately 1 in 7 youth internet users receive unwanted sexual solicitations.
- One in 25 youths received online sexual solicitation in which the predator tried to make contact in person.
- 27% of child predators online asked youths for sexual photographs of the child.
- 47% of child predators offered gifts or money to the child during the relationship building (“grooming”) phase.
- 15% of adolescents (12-17) have received sexually suggestive images of someone they know via text.
- The majority of juvenile victims of internet-initiated sex crimes met the predator willingly. 93% of those encounters included sexual contact.

DANGERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA

- Stranger Danger
- Oversharing
- Hidden Info in Photos
- The Staying Power of Social Media
- Cyber Bullying
- Know what the apps you use can do and what they're default settings are.

THAT APP CAN DO WHAT?

- Kik and Whatsapp: private messaging without using the text function on the phone
- Calculator +:
- Instagram: Default settings are public; private messaging is now an option
- Tumblr: pornographic images are easily searchable; profiles are completely public
- YouNow/Facebook Live/Live.ly: Live streaming apps may not control who can watch
- BurnNote/Snapchat/Whisper: “secret” communication and picture sharing apps
- YikYak: Automatically reveals your location
- MeetMe: open network that requires lots of personal details to sign up
- Omegle: text or video chat with strangers, links to pornography sites
- HIP/Audio Manager: looks like music storage, acts as file storage

WHAT CAN I DO?

- Be as anonymous as possible
- Use privacy settings
- Think before you post
- Avoid in-person meetings
- Be honest about your age
- Remember social networking sites are public spaces
- Avoid posting anything that could embarrass you later or expose you to danger
- Remember that people aren't always who they say they are
- Check comments regularly
- Avoid inappropriate content and behavior, and, if encountered, report it to the social networking site



CYBERBULLYING

AVOID GOSSIP.

Everyone's bound to get a little excited by those oh-so-dramatic high school scandals, but that doesn't mean you have to text the latest rumor to everyone you know.

DON'T FEED THE CYBERBULLIES.

Ignore mean or threatening messages. Block the sender and file a report with the website, cell phone service, or police.

BYSTANDERS ARE GUILTY, TOO.

If your friends are cyberbullying someone and you stay silent, you're just as guilty as they are. Speak up and keep your friends in check.



ONLINE PREDATORS

RECOGNIZE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CUTE AND CREEPY.

Think about it - an older guy who wants to date someone younger is just creepy. It's not flattering; it's illegal! So don't friend them and don't meet them offline.

DON'T JUST SIT THERE - REPORT!

If you or someone you know has been victimized by someone you met online, report them to the police and www.cybertipline.com.

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SHARING TOO MUCH

INITIATE OPERATION PROFILE CLEAN-UP.

Scrub your page of everything too personal, embarrassing, and illegal. Those pictures of you passed out next to the empty bottles are not going to look so cool when you start applying for college.

STOP. THINK. PUT YOUR CLOTHES BACK ON!

You know those pictures of you wearing next-to-nothing and making kissy faces or flexing in the mirror? You might think it's sexy, but the law doesn't, so do yourself a favor - don't send them; don't forward them.

PROTECT YOUR SPACE.

Use privacy settings and don't accept just anyone as a friend. Do some investigating - Who are they? Why would you hang out with them?

TRUSTED ADULTS



TALK TO YOUR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS. THEY'RE NOT AS UPTIGHT AS YOU THINK.

Sometimes adults freak out about what you're doing online because you never tell them anything. Keep them in the loop so they know they can trust you.

WHAT SHOULD I REPORT?

- Screenname
- Email Address
- URL of chat room
- App or website used
- Date/time of contact

WHO SHOULD I REPORT TO?

- Local Police
- Local FBI Office:
 - FBI Los Angeles (310-477-6565)
- NCMEC CyberTip Line:
 - 1-800-THE-LOST (843-5678)

ONLINE RESOURCES

- netsmartz.org
- connectsafely.org
- enough.org
- internetsafety101.org