

Protecting Youth From Sex Trafficking

Take the steps needed to keep your kids safe and away from potential predators

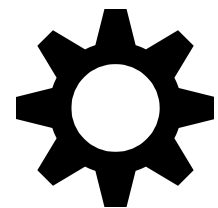
Internet Safety Tips

- Set house rules; outlining how long your child can be online, what sites they can visit, and acceptable activities
- Make sure your child does not have any personal information on their online profiles
- Ask your child if they personally know all of their friends on social media
- Double check who has access to their online profiles
- Have a conversation with your child about privacy settings and how they do not guarantee privacy
- Ask your child if they would feel uncomfortable if you looked at their social media profiles
- Research any technology you buy for your kids. Many devices have unexpected hidden webcams or Internet capabilities
- Have conversations with your kids about their online activities; both setting ground rules and showing interest in their hobbies
- Use internet filters to block certain sites and content
- Have a conversation with your kids about not meeting in person with anyone that they meet online, unless you approve
- Make sure that your child's username and password are private and not shared with friends
- Have a conversation about how difficult it is to remove things that are posted online

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Phone Safety Tips



- Have access passwords set so personal information cannot be accessed
- Be clear about appropriate and inappropriate phone usage
- Have a conversation about how texts, messages and images can be forwarded and easily seen by more than just the person who they were originally sent to
- Know what apps your child is downloading
- Make sure GPS location services are only turned on for navigation apps and that your child's location is not being publicized when posting on social media
- Talk to your children about not allowing others to use their phone when they're not around (It gives the person access to all of their passwords and social media)
- Explain the importance of paying attention to any permissions that apps may request
- Consider drawing up a family phone contract outlining what apps can be used, if you choose to use parental-control apps, when phones can be used, etc.
- Talk about not giving out their cell phone number to strangers
- Make sure that you and your child double check the security settings on their phone
- Explain the importance of closing out of all apps to ensure that personal information is not left up for others to see
- Let your child know that all cell phone activity can also be seen on the internet as information from phone based apps (like Snapchat) can be gathered online and made public