



KEEPING KIDS SAFE ONLINE



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Young people today face numerous potential threats online, including cyberbullying, sextortion and other forms of abuse. It is critical for parents and guardians to know the risks, communicate openly and honestly with their children, and set guidelines to ensure safe interactions online.

Know Your Risks

Cyberbullying

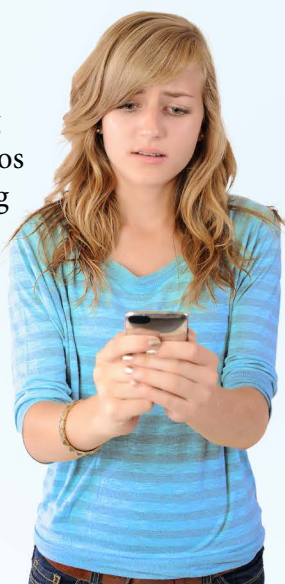
Children can face bullying or harassment through a variety of electronic means, such as embarrassing or false information being spread through social media, private information being made available online, or having someone impersonate them to hurt their reputation.

Sextortion

Online predators can threaten or blackmail a victim into providing money, gift cards, or explicit videos or images in exchange for keeping intimate content private.

Grooming

Online predators can engage with children online and provide positive attention with things like compliments or gifts to get young people more comfortable to do things they wouldn't ordinarily do.



Internet Safety Checklist

- ✓ Make sure kids know to NEVER share their personal information, address, location or intimate images online.
- ✓ Know your child's friend list on social media and remove strangers.
- ✓ Help young people understand that bullying – even sharing images or screenshots from others – can have severe consequences.
- ✓ Warn young people to never trust people they meet online; never meet someone in person that they met online; never accept money or gifts from someone they don't know online; and to tell an adult if someone makes them feel uncomfortable or afraid.
- ✓ Let your kids know it's safe to come to you if someone tries to share inappropriate content, and make sure they understand that images or details they share online can be shared with anyone.
- ✓ Save inappropriate messages, images, etc. from predators and report this activity to law enforcement directly from your device.

Resources

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) CyberTipline: www.missingkids.org.

NCMEC Hotline: 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678).

National Suicide Hotline: www.988lifeline.org or dial 988.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Know2Protect Tipline: 1-833-591-5669.

Safe2Say Something Anonymous School Threat Reporting System: www.safe2saypa.org.