INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

Personal Safety & Community Awareness Program
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The Top Safety Risks For Children Online Are:

Exposure to inappropriate material that is sexual, hateful, violent or encourages activities
that are dangerous or illegal

Providing information or arranging an encounter that could risk the safety of the child or other family members

Doing something that has negative legal or financial consequences (i.e. giving out a parent's credit card number)

How Can You Keep Your Child Safe Online?

Know the Apps:

SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, recent features including "stories" allows users to view content for up to 24 hours. Snapchat also allows users to see your location.

KIK allows anyone to contact and direct message your child. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features. KIK gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

ASK.FM is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.

CALCULATOR% is only one of several secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files, and browser history.

BIGO Live is known for its live-streaming abilities. The app encourages users to join live video chats with people nearby as well as across the world.

Other Live-Streaming Apps include: Live.Me, Holla, Houseparty, YouNow

Other Social Media/Messaging Apps include: Instagram, Facebook, Tinder, Bumble, Whisper, Hot or Not,

TikTok (formerly known as Musical.ly), Twitter, Tumblr, MeetMe, Amino

Take Control:

- Keep electronic devices in a high-trafficked area of your home
- Establish rules for when children are and are not allowed to take mobile devices into their bedroom, especially at night
- Maintain access to your child's devices and check them randomly. Be upfront with your child about your oversight and why it is important

Communicate:

- Be approachable. Kid's are often hesitant to share what's happening online because they fear harsh consequences
- Ask them what they're doing online— better yet, ask them to SHOW you what they are doing
- Set a good example! Put down your technology and have meaningful moments with your children

Report to the Cyber Tipline:

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