

5 Tips to Keep Kids Safe Online

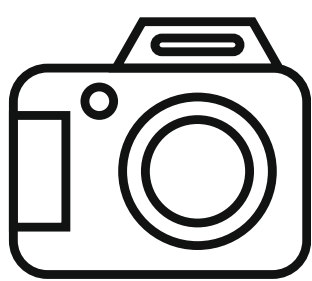
How to protect your children from online predators



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Don't give out personal information

Once predators know details of a kid's life, predators can use “grooming” techniques to tap into child and teen insecurities and exploit them, making the child feel like the predator only wants what’s best for them.



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Never send pictures to strangers

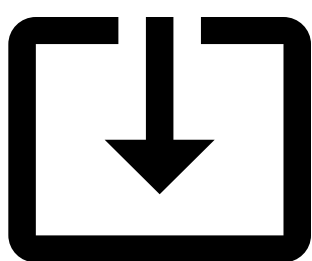
Online predators ask children and teens to send pictures once they have made the child feel important. It is vital that your children know they should not be sending any pictures to online friends, no matter how innocuous the requested photo might seem.



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Keep passwords private

Children should not share their passwords with anyone (other than parents). This puts their devices and online presence at risk.



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Don't download without permission

In a recent case, a man used Fortnite to connect with children and teens. After making initial contact through the game, he asked them to download messaging apps so they could communicate privately. Children should talk with parents before downloading new apps.



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Tell an adult if you receive messages from unknown people

Children should only communicate online with people they have met in real life. Try to check in and see who they are talking to on their games. If it’s someone you have never met before, ask how your child knows them. Also, make sure they know that anyone who messages them should never tell your child to keep the messages secret or hidden from their parents.



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