





Coral Springs Police Department



Why Internet Safety?



- According to the Justice Department, there are 250,000 to 500,000 pedophiles in the United States. This equates to one pedophile for every 100-200 users online.
- 2 million new Internet users are added each month.
 - By the end of 2012, Facebook had over 1 billion users worldwide.



What is Cyberbullying

- "Cyber bullying" is when a child or teen is tormented, threatened, harassed, humiliated, embarrassed or otherwise targeted by another child or teen using the Internet, interactive or digital technologies or cell phones.
- Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place using electronic technology. Electronic technology includes devices and equipment such as cell phones, computers, and tablets as well as communication tools including social media sites, text messages, chat, and websites.



Internet Predators: "Grooming Process"



Appears Familiar:

 Makes him/herself appear to a child like someone they consider appealing/interesting. They'll chat to support a child's common interests in family, friends and enemies.

Develops Trust:

 Predator will listen to a child and sympathize with a child's complaints about family, friends, or trouble at school. They will then encourage the child to share fears so that they can respond in ways to support the child's feelings of alienation.



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Establishes Secrecy:

 As the relationship evolves, the predator will encourage the child to keep their "friendship" a secret. They'll tell the child that other people, especially parents, won't understand their relationship.

Erodes Barriers:

 The predator takes advantage of a child's natural sexual curiosity and slowly introduces sexual content and pictures.



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Direct Intimidation:

 The predator may make threats if a child stops communicating or refuses to meet in person. At this stage of the "grooming process," a child may feel powerless against the online "friend".

Face-to-Face Meeting:

In some cases, the predator may use threats to obtain a face-to-face meeting. But in other cases, the child may meet willingly.
 Regardless of how or why they meet, the child is the victim.



Internet Reminders

- It is estimated that each day, there are over 100,000 predators online looking for children to exploit.
- If you were a predator looking to exploit children, where would you look first?
- Networking with family and friends online can be a great way of allowing your child to keep in touch with their loved one's, but the Internet is a tool no different than any other object so be careful!
- Ultimately, it is <u>YOUR</u> responsibility to monitor their Internet use!



What is the difference between a sexual predator and a sexual offender?

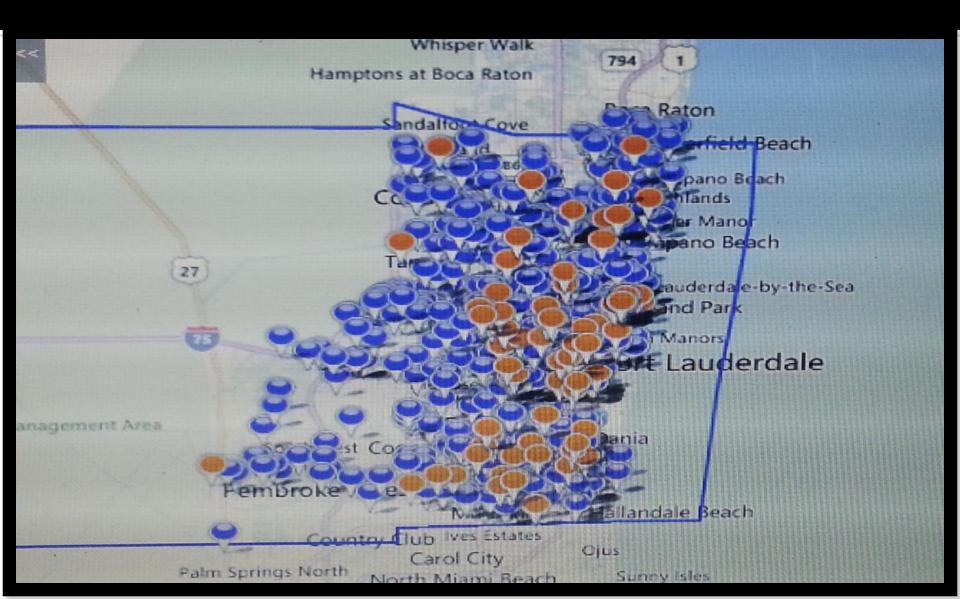
Sexual Predator vs. Sexual Offender

A sexual predator designation requires that a person be convicted of a first-degree felony sex crime, or two second-degree felony sex crimes. In addition, the court must issue a written order finding for predator status.

Florida
law requires
sexual
offenders and
sexual
predators to
register their
address with
the Florida
Department of
Law
Enforcement
or the local
sheriff's
office.

A sexual offender
is a person convicted
of (or who has pled
no contest or guilty
to) a sex offense
involving a
minor. Offenses
include, but aren't
limited to, child
pornography, sexual
performance by a
child under 18 and
procuring a person
under 18 for purposes
of prostitution.

Facts to Consider



What Parents Should Be Aware of...

Cyberbullying Statistics

- 1 out of 5 children is cyberbullied (US Dept. of Justice)
- 43% of teens, ages 13 to 17, have experienced cyberbullying in the past year
- One million children were harassed, threatened, or subjected to other forms of cyberbullying on Facebook during the past year
- More girls are cyberbullies than boys (59% girls and 41% boys)

Impact:

- 32% of High School students and 70% of eighth graders admit to saying hurtful things to each other on the Internet.
- 25% of High School students know someone who is being bullied on the Internet.







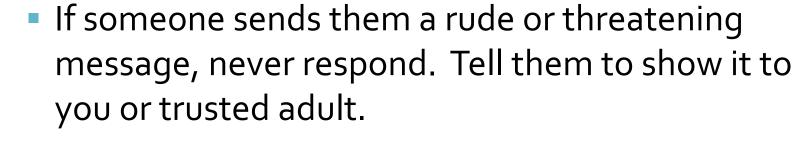
Agree to clear ground rules with your children before going online.

- These include:
 - When and how long they may be online.
 - **NOTE:** If using a wireless router, you can go into the settings and shut off the device on a schedule each day.
 - With whom they may communicate with online



Where/what websites they are permitted to visit.

- Instruct your children to never respond to rude, offensive, illegal or any message that makes them feel uncomfortable.
 - If they come across any information that makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused, to let you know immediately.





- Keep their identity private. Instruct your children of the following:
 - To never share personal information such as your full name, home address, telephone numbers, school name, or any other information that could help someone determine who they are and where they could find them.
 - Never share personal information of friends or family.



- Never allow your child to meet in person with anyone you have "met" online without you being there to ensure their safety.
- Never send a picture or video of themselves without first asking your permission.
- Do not let your children create user names or e-mail that will describe who they are (i.e. <u>liljenny13@gmail.com</u>).
 Predators seek these identifiers.







APPS & ACRONYMNS

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/ 15-apps-and-websites-kids-are-heading-toafter-facebook#

Current Apps

WhatsApp



Instagram



Snapchat



Facebook



Kik



YouTube



Ask Fm



Yik Yak

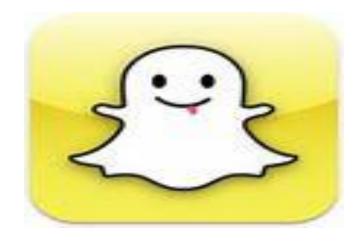


WhatsAPP



 WhatsApp – This app is a cross-platform mobile messaging app that allows you to exchange messages without having to pay for SMS (text messaging).

Snapchat



 SnapChat – This app allows users to send photos with friends and recording short video messages that will disappear after 10 seconds.

KIK



 <u>Kik</u> – This app allows kids to send private messages that their parents can't see. It offers text messaging service and allows users to share photos, sketches, voice messages, and other content.

AskFm



Ask Fm – This app is a social networking website
where users can ask other users questions, and
answer controversial questions anonymously.
The answers can be either in text or video format,
and users can also browse other people's profiles
with the option of submitting questions directly to
them.

Instagram



 Instagram – This app is an online photo-sharing, video-sharing and social networking service that enables its users to take pictures and videos and share them on a variety of social networking services.

Facebook



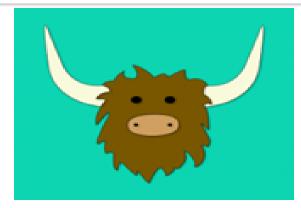
 <u>Facebook</u> – This app is a popular free social networking website that allows registered users to create profiles, upload photos and video, send messages and keep in touch with friends, family and colleagues.

Youtube



<u>YouTube</u> – This site is a video sharing website which allows for registered users to upload, search for, share, comment on and view videos online. Anyone who gets to this site can view the videos that are posted on this site.

Yik Yak



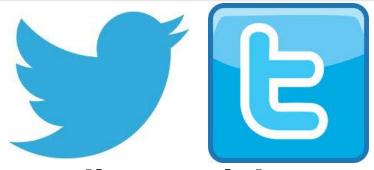
- Yik Yak This App allows anyone to post anything without attaching themselves to a username (you don't even need a password to log in).
 - Users may share sexually explicit content, abusive language and solicit personal attacks to an individual.

Vine



 Vine – Vine s a video-sharing app. It is designed for individuals to film short, separate instances so they can be linked together for a total of six seconds. Each short video plays in a continuous loop, and are viewable directly in Twitter's timeline or embedded into a web page.

Twitter



- Twitter is an online social networking service that enables users to send and read short 140character text messages, called "tweets".
- Registered users can read and post tweets, but unregistered users can only read them. Users access Twitter through the website interface, SMS, or mobile device app.

Whisper



- Whisper Whisper is an anonymous social network that allows people to express themselves, connect with like-minded individuals, and discover the unseen world around us.
- With Whisper you can share your thoughts and emotions with the world, and form lasting and meaningful relationships in a community built around trust and honesty. If you ever had something too intimate to share on traditional social networks, simply share it on Whisper!

Omegle



The internet is full of cool people; Omegle lets you meet them. When you use Omegle, we pick someone else at random so you can have a one-on-one chat.

You're anonymous unless you tell someone your personal information and you keep can stop a chat at any time. A team of moderators watches Omegle video chat 24/7 to keep things clean.

20 Internet Acronyms All Parents Should Know!

- POS
 - Parents Over Shoulder
- P1R or PIR
 - Parents In Room
- P911
 - Parent Emergency
- PAW
 - Parents Are Watching
- PAL
 - Parents Are Listening

- ASL
 - Age/Sex/Location?
- MORF
 - Male Or Female?
- SORG
 - Straight Or Gay?
- LMIRL
 - Let's Meet In Real Life
- NALPKT
 - Not A Lot of People Know This

20 Internet Acronyms All Parents Should Know!

- ADR
 - Address?
- WYCM
 - Will You Call Me?
- KFC
 - Kisses For You
- MOOS
 - Member Of Opposite Sex
- MOSS
 - Member Of Same Sex

- KPC
 - Keep Parents Clueless
- TD2M
 - Talk Dirty To Me
- IWSN
 - I Want Sex Now
- NIFOC
 - Nude In Front Of The Computer
- GYPO
 - Get Your Pants Off

To research possible acronyms online, visit sites such as www.teenchatdecoder.com to use their chat dictionary...

Current trend...Sexting...



- Is the act of sending sexually explicit messages or photos electronically, primarily between cell phones.
- If your child sends or receives and keeps any nude photos of themselves or other minors, they can be arrested for possession or transmission of child pornography.
 - Note: 20% of teens say they've sent or posted naked or semi-naked photos or videos of themselves, mostly to be "fun or flirtatious"



Cyber-Stalking/Harassment:

 Terms that can refer to the online contact/luring of children; rude or threatening messages; slanderous information; or repeated, unwanted messages.





A nosey parent is a good parent...



Scenario's to consider

- Use this scenario in your head...
 - If your child is walking through the mall alone and a stranger walks up to them and asks...
 - Their name or nickname...
 - If they can have a few pictures of them...
 - Their favorite music...
 - What they like to do...
 - Who they hang out with...
 - Sports they play...
 - Where they live and/or go to school...
 - When their parents are home...
- Can you find the answers on their page or in their comments?

Tips for Parents

Have the family computer in an open area

NEVER place it in your child's bedroom with Internet access!

Keep open lines of communication

 Talk to your children about online predators and other online dangers. Rather than policing your child's online behavior, educate them about the risks and empower them to communicate to you.

Become part of your child's online experience

 Explore the Internet with your children as a family. You just might learn something from your children.



If you are not monitoring your child online, who will?







The Coral Springs Police Department reminds you to report suspicious activities...





Questions?



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Internet Safety for Parents