



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The internet can be a wonderful and useful tool to enhance our knowledge about any topic. Within seconds it keeps us up to date on our favorite sports teams and celebrities and enables us to be linked in at work and school. In those same seconds however, a predator can “enter” our homes, and potentially harm our children. According to research, 1 in 5 children have received some type of online enticement through the internet. It is imperative then, that we teach ourselves, and more importantly our children, basic internet safety.

EDUCATING OURSELVES & OUR CHILDREN



CONSTANT CHANGE

Caregivers should stay current because things change constantly including security software, parental controls, apps, tools, terminology and emojis.



ACCESS POINTS

Technology access points include gaming systems, cell phones, computers, tablets, smart watches – anything that can connect to the internet.



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Tell children to never give out any personal information on-line or on social media (e.g. home address, birthdate, school name or sports teams, etc.). These items enable someone to trace a child's whereabouts.



PARENTAL CONTROLS

Caregivers should check internet history regularly, use parental controls, turn off internet at designated times, encourage internet usage only in common areas.



KEEPING PRIVACY

There's no such thing as private on the internet. Anything shared publicly may be difficult to remove (e.g. sexting, nude images, etc.).

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

- **Sextortion:** www.missingkids.org/blog/2021/sextortion-what-parents-should-know
- **Child Sex Trafficking:** www.missingkids.org/theissues/trafficking
- **National Human Trafficking Hotline:** 1-888-373-7888
- **National Center for Missing & Exploited Children:** www.missingkids.org
- **Cyber Tipline:** www.netsmartz.org
- **Internet Safety Resources:** www.missingkids.org/netzsmart/resources
- **Kids Internet Safety:** http://kidshealth.org/parent/positive/family/net_safety.html
- **Wiki-How:** <http://www.wikihow.com/Be-Safe-on-the-Internet>
- **Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force:** <https://www.in.gov/isp/icactf>



CYBERBULLYING

- **Internet Safety 101:** www.internetsafety101.org
- **Bullying & Prevention Center:** www.pacer.org/bullying/info/cyberbullying/
- **Top 10 Forms of Cyberbullying:** <https://youtu.be/0Xo8N9qIJtk?si=cXZ2GBD6uoO29c6M>
- **CyberTip Line:** www.report.cybertip.org or call 1-800-The-Lost (1-800-843-5678)

MORE ABOUT US

Prevent Child Abuse Indiana is dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect. In doing so, we make Indiana a safer, better place for our children.



INFO AND RESOURCES

For more prevention and parenting information, and resources, visit our website or call **1.800.CHILDREN** (1.800.244.5373)



REPORT CHILD ABUSE

To report child abuse and neglect, please call **1.800.800.5556**



SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS

Help support our statewide efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect by purchasing a Kids First License Plate. Visit your local BMV or www.in.gov/dcs/2456.htm for more info.

TOGETHER, PREVENTION IS POSSIBLE.