

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



INTERNET SAFETY FOR KIDS

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With increasing online access for kids, it's important for parents to monitor their use and set guidelines to avoid certain online dangers; such as exposure to inappropriate material, cyber bullying, contact with strangers, public access to personal information, and online predators.

Take extra precautions, be vigilant, and review the following online dangers with kids:

- Be careful who you talk to online; people you don't know should NOT be contacting you!
- People can be dishonest online and are not always who they say they are
- Kids should NEVER make plans to meet in person with someone they have only met online
- Think before you post; personal information should NEVER be put online
- Remember, the golden rule still applies in the cyber world – treat others the way you want to be treated
- Be aware of applications or sites that share your location
- Monitor any application or site that has a chat or messaging feature (including video games)

Teach kids what type of behavior is inappropriate online:

- Offers to send gifts (i.e. cell phone, bus tickets, money)
- Requests for inappropriate pictures
- Others sending inappropriate pictures
- Requests for personal information
- ANYTHING that makes them feel uncomfortable

What to do if kids encounter inappropriate contact online:

- Talk to an adult immediately
- Save messages if applicable
- Block the origin of the content
- Report it to the CyberTipline at www.cybertipline.org
- **Report to local Law Enforcement through non-emergency, 503-629-0111**

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REPORT IT!

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