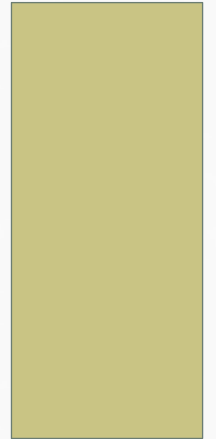


DIGITAL SAFETY & AWARENESS

PARENT PREVIEW

OCTOBER 11, 2016



PRE-TEENS & TEENAGERS

- We need to be aware of the normal cognitive and social development of pre-teens and teenagers
- We need to recognize that digital devices are one of their primary sources of communication

RESPONSIBILITY

- We all are responsible to educate, support, and guide our children in the use of their digital devices and the internet.
- We need to communicate and react responsibly, effectively, and efficiently to digital safety and awareness issues.
- Pre-teens and teenagers need to be responsible in their use of digital devices and the internet.
- We need to increase our own digital awareness.
- We need to communicate with our children about their digital safety and awareness.
- We need to hold our children accountable.

STUDENT WELLNESS DAY

- Act 80 In-service - October 31st – 11:20 AM dismissal
- Digital Safety & Awareness presentation by Officer Michael Flynn
- Cyberbullying video and instruction presentation by guidance counselors and social worker
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S03Br1dwJR8>
- Appropriate use of devices and apps for school presentation by homeroom teachers
- Feedback survey

CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS

PA Crimes Code section 6321 "Transmission of sexually explicit images by minor" makes the following acts a crime:

- **Possession** of nude pictures of someone (including self) over 12 years of age but less than 18 years of age **Or** a minor who transmits or distributes a nude picture of themselves commits a **SUMMARY OFFENSE**.
 - **SUMMARY OFFENSE** - \$300 fine or 90 days in jail per picture.
 - 1 nude picture = \$300
 - 10 nude pictures = \$3,000
- A minor who transmits or distributes a nude picture of another minor commits a **MISDEMEANOR of the 3rd DEGREE**.
 - **MISDEMEANOR of the 3rd DEGREE** - \$2,500 fine **and** not more than 1 year in prison per picture
- A minor who transmits or distributes a nude picture of another minor to harass or cause emotional distress commits a **MISDEMEANOR of the 2nd DEGREE**.
 - **MISDEMEANOR of the 2nd DEGREE** - \$5,000 fine **and** not more than 2 years in prison per picture

Any of the above actions where the minor is under 12 or if the picture contains a minor of any age engaged in a sexual act is Child Pornography and the **person** involved commits, at a minimum, a **FELONY of the 3rd DEGREE**.

- **FELONY of the 3rd DEGREE** - \$15,000 fine **and** not more than 7 years in prison per picture

SAFETY CHECKS

- Steps you can take to engage with your child and work with them to stay safe while they are on your mobile devices.
- Discuss and set your expectations and rules for use of the mobile device.
 - For some a contract or pledge helps to formalize expectations. An example of such a pledge may be found at [CTIA's Family Rules Pledge](#)
- Review and use as appropriate parental controls for your child's device.
 - [List of CTIA's Parental Controls \(Most Providers\)](#)
- Be vigilant and check their devices randomly to ensure they are following the rules.
 - Discuss with your child that freedom/ privacy is gained by their responsible behavior. A younger child generally has less freedom/ privacy than an older one. (Rules for your 8 year old are probably different then the rules for your 16 year old.)
 - You are not checking the device to “spy” on your child. You are reviewing the device to keep them safe. As they get older and gain your trust you don't need to read their texts, rather skim the entire phone for appropriateness.
- Don't allow technology to be your child's only connection to the world. Consider using a “Time Away” application to reduce their use and help to get your child to put the device down.

THOUGHTS

- Do you set expectations for how your child will use their digital devices?
- Do you monitor your child's digital devices?
- Do you have regular discussion with your child about the use of their digital devices and their social media presence?
- What questions, suggestions, and/or comments do you have for us?

RESOURCES

- **Haverford Middle School**
 - Administrative team
 - Guidance counselors and social worker
 - Classroom teachers
- **Haverford Township Police Department**
 - Officer Michael Flynn
- **Cellular phone carries**
- **There are plenty of free reliable resources online for families**