Internet Safety

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Experience

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School Resource Officer (S.R.O.)

- **S.R.O.'s are the connection between the police department and the school system.**

- **Work to prevent juvenile delinquency through close contact and positive relationships with students**

- **Develop crime prevention programs and conduct security inspections to deter criminal or delinquent activities**

Schools covered

Public

- **Northwest Rankin High**
- **Northwest Rankin Middle**
- **Northwest Rankin Elementary**
- **Highland Bluff Elementary**
- **Flowood Elementary**

Private

- **Jackson Preparatory**
- **Hartfield Academy**
- **Good Sheppard**

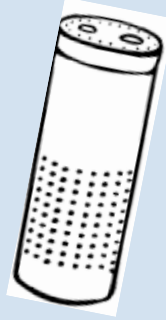# HOW EARLY DO WE INTRODUCE OUR CHILDREN TO THE INTERNET AND/OR TECHNOLOGY?

LETS MEET
EDWIN THE DUCK

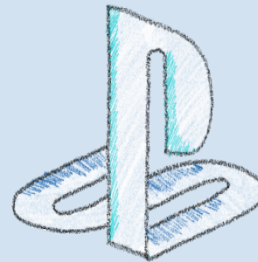# Internet Safety

On-line

- **73% of tweens/teens have profiles on social networking sites.**

- **47% of tweens/teens have uploaded photos; 14 % have posted videos.**

SMARTPHONE

- **75% of tweens/teens have cell phones**

- **On average, texting tweens/teens send and receive 1500 text messages a month**

1. **What apps are teens using**

2. **Dangers of sexting and texting**

3. **Inappropriate internet use**

4. **What's in the law**

5. **Ways to protect your family**

What are some apps teens are using?

Facebook

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.

PROS	CONS
Connect with family and friends around the world in seconds	You do not always know who you are communicating with
Show memories of trips and adventures	People can track your movement, which can leave you venerable to identity theft and other crimes against people
See other peoples trips and adventures	Can be used for bullying and hate speech, and political agendas

kik messenger

lets kids text for free. It's fast and has no message limits, character limits, or fees if you only use the basic features. Because it's an app, the texts won't show up on your kid's phone's messaging service, and you're not charged for them (beyond standard data rates).

An app named OinkText, linked to Kik, allows communication with strangers who share their Kik usernames to find people to chat with.

OOVOO

is a free video, voice, and messaging app. Users can have group chats with up to 12 people for free -- and it's common for kids to log on after school and keep it open while doing homework. Maybe they're using it for group study sessions?

You can only chat with approved friends. Users can only communicate with those on their approved contact lists, which can help ease parents' safety concerns.

Whatsapp

lets users send text messages, audio messages, videos, and photos to one or many people with no message limits or fees.

It's for users 16 and over. Lots of younger teens seem to be using the app, but this age minimum has been set by WhatsApp.
It can be pushy. After you sign up, it automatically connects you to all the people in your address book who also are using WhatsApp. It also encourages you to add friends who haven't signed up yet.

instagram

lets users snap, edit, and share photos and 15-second videos, either publicly or with a private network of followers. It unites the most popular features of social media sites: sharing, seeing, and commenting on photos. It also lets you apply fun filters and effects to your photos, making them look high quality and artistic.

instagram

Teens are on the lookout for "likes." Similar to the way they use Facebook, teens may measure the "success" of their photos -- even their self-worth -- by the number of likes or comments they receive. **Posting a photo or video can be problematic if teens post it to validate their popularity**.

Private messaging is now an option. Instagram Direct allows users to send "private messages" to up to 15 mutual friends. These pictures don't show up on their public feeds. Although there's nothing wrong with group chats, kids may be more likely to share inappropriate stuff with their inner circles.

twitter

is a microblogging site that allows users to post brief, 140-character messages -- called "tweets" -- and follow other users' activities. It's not only for adults; teens like using it to share tidbits and keep up with news and celebrities.

twitter

Public tweets are the norm for teens. Though you can choose to keep your tweets private, most teens report having public accounts (
Pew Internet & American Life Project, 2013).
Updates appear immediately. Even though you can remove tweets, your followers can still read what you wrote until it's gone. This can get kids in trouble if they say something in the heat of the moment.

tumblr

is like a cross between a blog and Twitter: It's a streaming scrapbook of text, photos, and/or videos and audio clips. Users create a "tumblelogs," that can be seen by anyone online (if made public). Many teens have tumblelogs for personal use: sharing photos, videos, musings, and things they find funny with their friends.

tumblr

Porn is easy to find. This online hangout is hip and creative but sometimes raunchy. Pornographic images and videos and depictions of violence, self-harm, drug use, and offensive language are easily searchable. Privacy can be guarded but only through an awkward workaround. The first profile a member creates is public and viewable by anyone on the Internet. Members who desire full privacy have to create a second profile, which they're able to password-protect.

vine

is a social media app that lets users post and watch looping six-second video clips. This Twitter-owned service has developed a unique community of people who post videos that are often creative, funny, and sometimes thought-provoking. Teens usually use Vine to create and share silly videos of themselves and/or their friends and families.

vine

It's full of inappropriate videos.
There are significant privacy concerns. The videos you post, the accounts you follow, and the comments you make on videos all are public by default. But you can adjust your settings to protect your posts; only followers will see them, and you have to approve new followers. Parents can be star performers (without their knowledge). If your teens film you being goofy or silly.

Burn note

is a messaging app that erases messages after a set period of time. Unlike many other apps of this sort, it limits itself to text messages; users cannot send pictures or video. That may reduce issues such as sexting -- but words can hurt, too.

Burn note

It allows kids to communicate covertly. To discourage copying and taking screenshots, a spotlight-like system that recipients direct with a finger (or the mouse) only reveals a portion of the message at a time.

It may encourage risky sharing. The company claims that its "Multi-Device Deletion" system can delete a message from anywhere: the device it was sent from, the device it was sent to, and its own servers.

You don't have to have the app to receive a Burn Note. Unlike other apps -- for example, Snapchat -- users can send a Burn Note to anyone

Snapchat

is a messaging app that lets users put a time limit on the pictures and videos they send before they disappear. Most teens use the app to share goofy or embarrassing photos without the risk of them going public. However, there are lots of opportunities to use it in other ways.

Snapchat

It's a myth that Snapchats go away forever. Data is data: Whenever an image is sent, it never truly goes away. (For example, the person on the receiving end can take a screenshot of the image before it disappears.) Snapchats can even be recovered.

It can make sexting seem OK. The seemingly risk-free messaging might encourage users to share pictures containing sexy images.

Whisper

is a social "confessional" app that allows users to post whatever's on their minds, paired with an image. With all the emotions running through teens, anonymous outlets give them the freedom to share their feelings without fear of judgment.

Whisper

Whispers are often sexual in nature. Some users use the app to try to hook up with people nearby, while others post "confessions" of desire. Lots of eye-catching nearly nude pics accompany these shared secrets.

Content can be dark. People normally don't confess sunshine and rainbows; common Whisper topics include insecurity, depression, substance abuse, and various lies told to employers and teachers. Although it's anonymous to start, it may not stay that way. The app encourages users to exchange personal information in the "Meet Up" section.

Meetme

Chat and Meet New People," says it all. Although not marketed as a dating app, MeetMe does have a "Match" feature whereby users can "secretly admire" others, and its large user base means fast-paced communication and attention.

Meetme

Users can chat with whomever's online, as well as search locally, opening the door for potential trouble.
Lots of details are required. First and last name, age, and ZIP code are requested at registration, or you can log in using a Facebook account. The app also asks permission to use location services on your teens' mobile devices, meaning they can find the closest matches wherever they go.

Omegle

is a chat site (and app) that puts two strangers together in their choice of a text chat or video chat room. Being anonymous can be very attractive to teens, and Omegle provides a no-fuss opportunity to make connections. Its "interest boxes" also let users filter potential chat partners by shared interests.

Omegle

Users get paired up with strangers. That's the whole premise of the app. And there's no registration required. This is not an app for kids and teens. Omegle is filled with people searching for sexual chat. Some prefer to do so live. Others offer links to porn sites. Language is a big issue. Since the chats are anonymous, they're often much more explicit than those with an identifiable user might be.

Skout

is a flirting app that allows users to sign up as teens or adults. They're then placed in the appropriate peer group, where they can post to a feed, comment on others' posts, add pictures, and chat. They'll get notifications when other users near their geographic area join, and they can search other areas by cashing in points.

Skout

There's no age verification. This makes it easy for a teen to say she's older than 18 and an adult to say she's younger.

Tinder

is a photo and messaging dating app for browsing pictures of potential matches within a certain-mile radius of the user's location. It's very popular with 20-somethings as a way to meet new people for casual or long-term relationships.

Tinder

It's all about swipes. You swipe right to "like" a photo or left to "pass." If a person whose photo you "liked" swipes "like" on your photo, too, the app allows you to message each other.

It's location-based. Geolocation means it's possible for teens to meet up with nearby people, which can be very dangerous.

Dangers of sexting and texting

Sexting

Sending or posting nude or partially nude images

Did the students receiving and sending the pics break the law?

YES

Physically showing others

The inappropriate

(nude/partial nude)

image on

a cell phone or computer is

a crime

97-29-101

Did girl who took the pic

and sent the pic

break the law?

YES

Sending or posting the inappropriate (nude/partial nude) image from your cell Phone / computer is a crime

97-5-27 (1) (3)

Request for sexy pictures is a crime

97-29-45

Trying to get or lure a juvenile to have sex or commit a sexual act is a crime.

97-5-27 (1) (3)

Inappropriate Internet Use

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When using the internet to obtain images, information, or data that is not considered school related, school appropriate, or considered illegal to possess outside of school. The school also has the right to determine what is considered appropriate when using school equipment (tablets, computers, macbooks, ipads, chromebooks, etc.…)

In Mississippi, possession of Child Pornography is called
(or considered)
Exploitation of Children.

IMPORTANT

Any one possessing a nude or partial nude image of a juvenile is in violation with this law.

If these images are discovered at school, the school must turn all of the evidence over to law enforcement. These are mandatory guidelines under the Child Protection Act.

What's in the law?

Mississippi Laws

(MS Code of 1972)

When someone tries to make child pornography.

Exploitation of children

97-5-33

Physically showing other on cell phone

Distribution of obscene material

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Sending the pictures from your Cell Phone / Computer

Disseminating Sexual material to children

97-5-27 (1) (3)

Asking for sexy pictures or for sex

Obscene electronic communications

97-29-45

Creating an account in another person's name.

Online impersonation

97-45-33

Posting things to talk about people.

Computer Crimes and Identity Theft

97-45-17

The school must tell the police of any inappropriate activity and any sex crimes

Child Protection Act

97-5-51

The school must tell the police of any inappropriate activity and any sex crimes

Bullying or harassing behavior in public schools prohibited

37-11-67

- **97% of them play computer, web, portable, or console games**

- **27% of them play games or chat with people they don't know online**

- One in 25 of tweens/teens have received an online sexual solicitation where the solicitor tried to meet with you offline somewhere.

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Way to keep your children safe?

Cellular / Internet Companies

Cellular Phones

Apple
(IOS)

Android

Windows

Samsung   **LGs**   **Motorola**

•**iPhones**

•**iPads**   **Noxias**   **etc……**

•**iPods**

•**Macbooks**

RIM
Research In Motion

•**iMac**

BlackBerry

Android devices….

MMGuardian   **Kids Place**

Screen Time   **Safe Browser**

AppLock   **Toddler Lock**

IOS devices….

Pumpic.com   **Ourpact app**

Netsanity   **Mobicip**

Qustodio Parental Control

Computer devices….

Norton Family   **Net Nanny**

Phonesherriff   **Lock2learn**

Mymobile watchdog

Safety Tips

1. Create an open and honest environment with kids.

2. Start conversations regularly about practicing online safety.

3. Emphasize the concept of credibility to teens: not everything they see on the Internet is true and people on the Internet may not be who they appear to be.

Safety Tips

4. Watch for changes in behavior — if your child suddenly avoids the computer, it may be a sign they are being bullied online.

5. Review security settings and privacy policies for the websites kids frequent. These settings are frequently updated so check back regularly.

6. Make sure mobile devices are secure. Use PINs and passwords, only install apps from trusted sources, and understand the privacy settings and permissions for all apps.

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