

Online Predators Are NOT Your Friends

What do online predators do?

- Find kids through social networking, blogs, chat rooms, instant messaging, email, discussion boards, and other websites.
- Seduce their targets through attention, affection, kindness, and even gifts.
- Know the latest music and hobbies likely to interest kids.
- Listen to and relate with kids' problems.
- Slowly introduce sexual content into their conversations or by showing sexually inappropriate material.
- Try to convince the kids they meet online to meet face-to face.

What to do if you think you've talked to a predator?

- **YOU COULD BE IN SERIOUS DANGER. TELL AN ADULT RIGHT AWAY.**
- With a trusted adult, report the predator to a person of power with the website/cellular service provider/internet service provider.
- With a trusted adult, report the predator to police
- With a trusted adult, report the predator to missingkids.com/cybertipline
- Stop talking to the predator. Block them from talking to you again.
- If the predator tries to contact you again, **DO NOT RESPOND.** Tell an adult right away.

What to do if you know someone talking to a predator?

- **YOUR FRIEND COULD BE IN SERIOUS DANGER. TELL AN ADULT RIGHT AWAY.**
- Encourage your friend to tell an adult too.
- Tell your friend to stop talking to the predator.
- You may be able to report the predator to a person of power with the website/cellular service provider/internet service provider.

What can you do NOW to prevent online predation?

- Create an Family Online Safety Plan with your parents, so you feel comfortable talking to them when you need help (for yourself or a friend).
- Avoid going to adult web sites.
- Avoid talking about adult content.
- Choose gender and age neutral username.
- Do not talk to strangers online.
- Remember that romantic relationships between adults and children are creepy and illegal.