BEFORE YOU POST THINK

T – is it TRUE?
H – is it HELPFUL?
I – is it INSPIRING?
N – is it NECESSARY?
K – is it KIND?

Online technology creates ongoing challenges for parents. It is critical that parents take an active role in their children's online safety and activities, just as they monitor where their children go and with whom.

Here are some helpful tips to keep your child's online experience safe:

1. Prior to giving your child a smart device parents need to remind children the device is a privilege and not a right.

2. Parents take control of the device from the start and use parental code settings on the device using a unique parental passcode.

3. Parents should check their children's device regularly. Review apps, browser history and app store downloads.

4. Technology curfew set in place. Do not allow children to take their device to bed with them. Or set up a technology time block for their usage and in a common area of the home.

5. Set time limits for technology use, especially gaming sites or apps.

EAGLE POLICE

In continuing our goal to protect and serve our community, The Eagle Police Department wants to help empower parents, teachers, grandparents and child care providers by helping them to understand the importance of monitoring your youth's device.

Real world dangers are present in the online and app world. Teens and children who use smart devices or social media can be targets for sexual predators, being bullied or bullying others, harassment or unwanted images being sent out.

Our hope is that this brochure sheds some light into the fast paced tech world our children are growing up in and helps you be aware of some of these apps.

Remember new apps are being developed almost by the hour and if you see something on your child's device you don't recognize research it!

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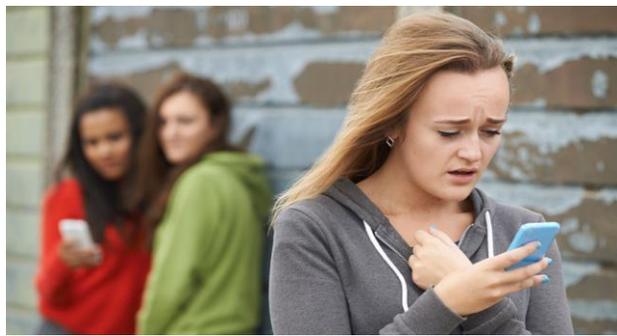
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Cybersafety

For Parents & Youth

IDENTITY MESSAGES TWITTER CHATROOMS PRIVATE GAMES TRUST
FACEBOOK MSN FUN PERSONAL DETAILS
ONLINE ABUSE SKYPE CRIMINALS
BULLYING CYBER SAFTEY
TEXTING

With tech trends continuing to grow, new apps are being created at a rate which is hard to keep up with.

- The first defense and safety of your children and teens is always having an open dialogue about their tech usage and what they are doing on their devices.

- Having a relationship of trust and honesty will foster discussions about their social media accounts and their device/online behavior. Speak to your teens and children about proper online etiquette.

- Have a discussion with your teens about sending pictures over an app, online or via text. Once an image is released into the data and tech world it is there forever. Not only can their picture be used to hurt them, harass or bully them but some apps are gateways for child predators.

- App technology is very fast paced and children are tech savvy and if they aren't their friends are.

Dangerous Apps for Kids & Teens

Tinder: An app that is used for "hooking-up" and dating.

Snapchat: This app allows a user to send photos and videos to anyone on his/her friend list. The sender can determine how long the receiver can view the image and then the image "destructs" after the allotted time.

Blendr: A flirting app used to meet new people through GPS location services.

Kik Messenger: An instant messaging app with over 100 million users that allows users to exchange videos, pics and sketches.

Whisper: Whisper is an anonymous confession app. It allows users to superimpose text over a picture in order to share their thoughts and feelings anonymously. However, you post anonymously, but it displays the area you are posting from.

Ask.fm: Ask.fm is one of the most popular social networking sites that is almost exclusively used by kids. It is a Q&A site that allows users to ask other users questions while remaining anonymous.

Yik Yak: An app that allows users to post text-only "Yaks". The messages can be viewed by the 500 Yakkers who are closest to the person who wrote the Yak, as determined by GPS.

Poof: This app allows users to make other apps "disappear" on their phone. Kids can hide any app they don't want you to see by opening the app and selecting other apps.

Omegle: Is primarily used for video chatting. When you use Omegle, you do not identify yourself through the service. Instead, chat participants are only identified as "You" and "Stranger."

Down: This app, which used to be called "Bang With Friends", is connected to Facebook. Users can categorize their Facebook friends in one of two ways: They can indicate whether or not a friend is someone they'd like to hang with or someone they are "down" to hook-up with.

Find Hidden Apps
On smartphones you can hide apps!

70% of teens had hidden online activity from parents, according to the McAfee Teen Internet Behavior Study (2012),

iPhone:
Step 1: Go into Settings>General>Restrictions.
Step 2: Place a check by the apps that you don't want to appear on your home screen.
Step 3: To make them reappear repeat the process.

Android:
Step 1: Press the menu key and then open settings menu.
Step 2: Tap the "more" option and then the "application manager" option. App manager will open.
Step 3: Swipe left or right to view all "applications". All installed apps will be displayed.
Step 4: Tap entry for the application to unhide. The apps's "details" screen opens.
Step 5: Tap the "enable" option. A confirmation prompt displays. Tap "ok" to unhide and restore app.

Parents always check the settings box on your child's device.

Parents can also utilize the following:
- Cell Phone Parental Control Software Reviews: cell-phone-parental-control-software-review.toptenreviews.com
  or
- K9 Web Software: www.1.k9webprotection.com

Know your child's social media accounts & passwords! This generation's world is online!