Online Predator Statitics

- Approximately 1 in 7 (13%) youth Internet users received unwanted sexual solicitations.

- Internet-based predators use less deception than experts originally believed. 5% told victims they were in the same age group. Most offenders told the victims that they were older males seeking sexual relations.

- 15% of teen age 12-17 owning cell phones admit to receiving sexually suggestive nude or seminude images of someone they know via text.

- In a survey of juvenile victims, the majority met the predator willing face-to-face and 93% of those encounters included sexual contact.
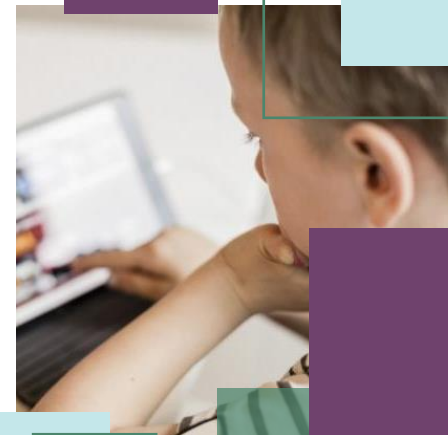
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Additional Resources:

- http://www.nationalcac.org/internet-safety-tips/

- http://www.safekids.com/kids-rules-for-online-safety/

- https://www.onguardonline.gov/articles/0006-talk-your-kids

- http://www.techaddiction.ca/monitor-internet-activity.html

- https://internetsafety101.org/

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Internet Safety

"How safe are sites, apps and games your child uses?"

The internet creates new trends. It's a virtual world that is designed for people to communicate and keep in touch through messages, pictures, and videos. As fun as this is, it's important to also know the dangers it can create for kids. Popular apps and games make it easy for kids to overshare personal information and become an easy target to online predators at any age.

Warning Signs

- Becomes secretive about online activities or becomes obsessive about being online
- Gets angry when he or she can't get online
- Receives or makes phone calls from people or numbers you do not know or recognize
- Withdraws from family or friends
- Changes screens or turns off computer when an adult enters the room

Prevention & Awareness

- Establish an ongoing dialogue and keep lines of communication open.

- Be a questioning parent and know the apps that are on your child's devices.

- Use privacy settings and discuss their importance with your children.

- Know what is on your child's social media.

- Discuss the importance of only talking to and meeting face-to-face with people they know in real life.

- Have conversations with your child about the image they make online.

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