Internet Safety- November 1, 2017

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- Internet Safety includes ANY device connected to WiFi
  a. While Facebook was the most popular social app for children, there's now so much more available and created all the time
  b. Younger children are more likely to answer pop up surveys and quizzes than other students
  c. Teach your children not to give any personal information about themselves online
- Solicitation-
  a. 80% are men in the 23-30 age range that try to access our kids online
  b. Sometimes, kids are curious and innocently engage in conversations when playing online games.
  c. Predators know how to ask probing questions
  d. Your child could accidently give them their name, address, school information, etc.
  e. Teach your children "red flags" of a predator:
    i. "Make sure you delete our message"
    ii. "Don't tell anyone about this"
    iii. "You'll get into as much trouble as me, if you tell"
  f. Kids are scared they may accidently get into trouble and their parents will take away their computer privileges
- Online Grooming-
  a. Predators usually start the conversations very casually and then it turns into a full-blown relationship
  b. Check your phone bills and look to see if there is a number that stands out on the bill you don't know
  c. Ask your child questions
  d. You are able to determine what type of messages on your bill
    i. SMS- is a word text
    ii. MMS- is a Multi-media message
  e. Ask your child about it
- Safeguard Personal Information-
  a. Boys, in particular, enjoy playing online games
  b. Games, like Roblox, is where a lot of perverts go to groom boys
  c. Kids are so focused on the game, they don't realize they are sharing information about themselves
  d. Children SHOULD NOT share the name of their school, otherwise, predators know where your children are 8 hours a day, 5 days a week

- o Passwords-
  - a. Teach your children not to share their passwords with their peers
    - i. Girls, for example, tend to share everything with their best friends
    - ii. However, when there is an argument, girls have a tendency to go into social apps and post inappropriate content, change passwords, etc.
  - b. PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ALL OF YOUR KIDS' ONLINE PASSWORDS
- o Computer Devices-
  - a. Make sure you turn locations OFF on your settings for pictures and video
    - i. Predators are able to determine the longitude and latitude of where a picture was taken; accidently telling them where your child has been
- o Urban Dictionary-
  - a. https://www.urbandictionary.com
  - b. Huge for parents to know
  - c. Always learn the slang words used between peers
- o Inappropriate Information-
  - a. Society judges on social media content; make smart choices online
  - b. Avoid offensive language
  - c. Threats of violence- law enforcement could get involved
  - d. Admission of underage drinking or drug use
  - e. Hate speech
  - f. Group messages; EVERYONE IS RESPONSIBLE whether they are the ones saying it or not
    - i. Teach your children to remove themselves from the group text and REPORT it
  - g. Usernames
    - i. Create a username that sounds positive and not offensive
- o Sexting-
  - a. Popular age range: 13-18
  - b. Any child under the age of 18 to take a lewd picture of themselves is violating the law
  - c. Oftentimes children don't realize they could be in legal trouble for taking a picture of themselves and sending it on to others
  - d. If anyone saves, sends, forwards a picture they are also violating the law
  - e. The above would be considered child pornography and they might have to register as a sex offender for 10 years
  - f. The best way to avoid this is DON'T DO IT
  - g. If your child receives an inappropriate sexual picture, they can't be responsible for what was sent to them; they are responsible if they do anything with it
  - h. Chicago is seeing about 7-8 new cases every week of child sexting

- Sextortion-
    a. Sometimes predators will encourage children to send ONE lewd picture of themselves and then hold that picture over the child's head to have them send even more pictures
    b. Teach your kids that it is okay to say no and to never give a lewd picture to anyone
- Cyberbullying-
    a. A new trend is that kids will create fake profiles of others and post inappropriate posts and/or pictures of their target, which can have long lasting social consequences for the victim and damage their self-esteem
    b. You Tube "Amy Todd's video" and if your kid has seen this video, ask them why?
    c. Teach your children to report cyberbullying when they see it
    d. Enforce a "no electronics" policy when your child is in the bathroom and/or when they go to their bedroom for the night
        i. Unmonitored electronics is where bullying and such usually begins
    e. Teach your kids it's cool to be kind
    f. LOOK AT YOUR CHILD'S PHONE from time-to-time. You have that right; you are trying to protect them
- New Apps-
    a. KIK-
        i. Texting app that you only need WiFi (not a phone)
        ii. It has its own language and community
        iii. Based in Canada; hard for U.S. to regulate
    b. SnapChat-
        i. Disappears in 10 seconds but children often take screen shots that make them permanent
        ii. SnapKeep and SnapBox were newly created apps where others save and share the information
    c. Whisper-
        i. "Boys" usually go here to tell their secrets, usually about their sexuality
        ii. This is where predators also go!
    d. Omegle-
        i. Uses webcams and children talk to strangers yet the names are hidden so you don't really know who your child is speaking with
- Parent Involvement
    a. You have to be their parent and help kids stay safe
    b. Parents could be held accountable if you do not act on a problem; could be civil liability around it
    c. Recommends phones that don't have access to texting or other means of communication other than phone calls until High School