



## TIPS FOR EDUCATORS

# CYBER SAFETY & HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Safe cyber habits are crucial for everyone to practice. With the solicitation of minors happening behind every digital device, recognizing the risks of human trafficking is paramount to preventing online victimization.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- There are **79,000** estimated youth sex trafficking victims in Texas (hhs.texas.gov).
- **89%** of sexual advances occur in chat rooms (guardchild.com).

### REPORTING:

- If you suspect a student is being trafficked, please report to: DFPS and Local Law Enforcement
- If you questions, comments, or concerns regarding a Human Trafficking situation call the National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888

### BEST PRACTICES:

#### Empower students to always be a good digital citizen:

- Advise them to block and report harmful or inappropriate accounts and tell a trusted adult.
- Build a positive online reputation and community by only posting content that represents your character well and block people who do not respect boundaries.

#### Inform students that the Internet is a shared space:

- People of all ages use the Internet.
- Not everyone using the Internet has appropriate intentions.
- Students can easily see and have access to content that can make them feel sad, scared, or confused.

#### Counsel students about the risks of not only communicating with strangers online but meeting with strangers in person as well:

- Remind students to never share personal information and/or complain online.
- Many predators operate under the guise of fake profiles.
- Predatory language to look out for: compliments, asking for personal information/ photos, and sharing secrets.
- Help students understand that grooming is a technique used by predators to try and establish meaningful relationships with adolescents. Help students to understand the grooming process:



Target



Befriend



Gain Trust



Fulfill Need



Isolate



Capitalize

## HOW TO REPORT A TIP



Call 713.222.TIPS (8477)



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## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS



### STEP 1

Submit an anonymous tip



### STEP 2

Your tip leads to an arrest or disciplinary action



### STEP 3

Receive a cash reward  
(up to \$5,000)



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