



TIPS FOR EDUCATORS

CYBER SAFETY

Students continue to be online for not only educational responsibilities but also entertainment purposes, which is why it is crucial to understand and recognize the risks that come with surfing the web.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The FBI estimates that there are approximately about **500,000 predators** online (fbi.gov).
- The **average age** of online victimization is **10-14** (ncjrs.gov).
- **16% of child pornographic images** are self-produced (scholarship.law.edu).

REPORTING & RESOURCES

Discover more cyber safety tips, videos and resources online at crime-stoppers.org/cyber-safety/

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.
 - Building a positive online reputation and community by posting content that represents your character well and blocking anyone who sends you inappropriate or illegal information.
- **Inform students that the internet is a shared space for people of all ages to use:**
 - 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.
- **Encourage students to think twice before posting, sharing, and/or commenting online:**
 - There is no such thing as online privacy because apps own all your data, people screenshot/screengrab your information without your knowledge, and everything posted on the internet lives forever, even if not publicly visible.
 - Even old posts can be used to bully, harass, or take away future opportunities.
- **Explain the consequences for cyberbullying, sexting, hate speech, and threats:**
 - David's Law makes cyberbullying a punishable offense.
 - Students can be held legally accountable for sexting. Images of child pornography are not protected under First Amendment rights and are illegal contraband under federal law. US Code defines child pornography as any visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct involving a minor (someone under 18 years of age).
 - Students can be suspended, expelled, or even sued in civil court for using hate speech.
 - Students can be charged and held legally accountable for making a terroristic threat toward an individual or large group of people even when the threat is made as a joke.

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)



A CYBER SAFETY RESOURCE FOR ALL FAMILIES:

THE ONLINE WORLD

WHAT YOU THINK YOU KNOW AND WHAT YOU DON'T

4 CRITICAL TOOLS FOR RAISING KIDS IN THE
DIGITAL AGE

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