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Social Media Risks

"Protecting our babies from the digital monster"

Social Media

◈ Social media are frequently used means of communication and social interaction. They are usually accessed through electronic devices (laptops, cellphones, computers, I-pads, tablets).

◈ Social media platforms are used for electronic communication on websites for social networking and microblogging. Users create online accounts to share information, ideas, personal messages, and other content (such as videos).

FIFTEEN APPS
PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Courtesy of the
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MEETME
MEETME is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. As the app's name suggests, users are encouraged to meet each other in person.

GRINDR
GRINDR is a dating app geared towards gay, bi and transgender people. The app gives users options to chat, share photos and meet up based on a smart phone's GPS location.

SKOUT
SKOUT is a location-based dating app and website. While users under 17 years old are unable to share private photos, kids can easily create an account using a different age.

WHATSAPP
WHATSAPP is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, voicemails, make calls and video chats worldwide. WHATSAPP uses an internet connection on smart phones and computers.

TIKTOK
TIKTOK is a new mobile device app popular with kids used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are vulnerable to cyber bullying and explicit content.

BADOO
BADOO is a dating and social networking app where users can chat, share photos and videos and connect based on location. While the app is intended for adults only, teens are known to create profiles.

BUMBLE
BUMBLE is similar to the popular dating app "Tinder" however, it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use BUMBLE to create fake accounts and falsify their age.

SNAPCHAT
SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps in recent years. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, new features including "stories" allows users to view content for up to 24 hours. Snapchat also allows users to see your location.

KIK
KIK allows anyone to contact and direct message your child. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features. KIK gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

LIVEME
LIVE.ME is a live-streaming video app that uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster's exact location. Users can earn "coins" as a way to "pay" minors for photos.

HOLLA
HOLLA is a self-proclaimed "addicting" video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content, and more.

WHISPER
WHISPER is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user's location so people can meet up.

ASK.FM
ASK.FM is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.
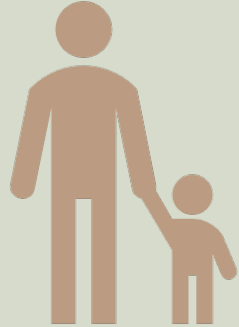
CALCULATOR%
CALCULATOR% is only one of SEVERAL secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files, and browser history.

HOT OR NOT
HOT OR NOT encourages users to rate your profile, check out people in their area, and chat with strangers. The goal of this app is to hook up.

For more information, contact Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Community Affairs at 941.861.4005

Social Media Use

It is not uncommon for parents to allow their young children to utilize social media. Parents use it as a learning medium and sometimes even for their children's comfort and even for their own.

Regardless of their age, children's social media use should be closely monitored. It becomes a risk when parents let their guard down and neglect to filter how, when and where social media are used.

tumblr.
You Tube
facebook
twitter
RISK

Cyberbullying

Teach Your Kids Online Safety

S Personal information is a secret

M Never meet anyone from the internet without a parent or carer

A Never accept messages, emails or requests from unknown people

R Remember reality Not everyone tells the truth on the internet. Some people lie about who they are.

T If anything or anyone online is worrying you TELL a parent or carer.

XXX **Pornography**

Predators/Stranger Danger

Overuse & Early exposure (distracting/addicting)

Recommendations

◈ Educate children on dangers. Parents should make their children aware of the risks involved in using social media so that children will be able to identify these risks and respond accordingly.

◈ Monitor social media use. Although some children know how to get around being monitored, parents must be up-to-date on all advances. Additionally, parents can allocate time for the children to use these platforms or even use social media as an incentive.

◈ Block websites which are inappropriate.

◈ Parents can also insist that children occupy their time doing other activities; such as playing outside, reading a book or art and craft.

◈ Allow children to use apps which are child-friendly. For example there is YouTube kids, Amazon Kindle for kids.

Additional information

Click on the links below to get more information

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