

Online Predator Risks- Digital Extortion



- Age range: 8-17
- The average age is approximately 15 years old.
- In 22% of the reports, the reporter mentioned being suspicious of, or knowing that, multiple children were targeted by the same offender.
- Child victims can self-report directly through NCMEC's Cybertipline or indirectly through ESPs

What Do I Need To Know

What Apps do we worry about?



- Snapchat, Instagram (Meta), Facebook (Meta), Tik Tok
- Kik, Whisper, WhatsApp, Omegle

The Warning Signs

- Emotional, angry, agitated or may have aggressive outbursts
- Change in behavior – becoming introverted or withdrawn
- Attempts to conceal or hides online activity
- Having social media account(s) you don't know about

Intervention – What to do

- The child must report immediately to a parent or caregiver
- They must be honest about what's been shared
- Stop communications immediately, Start documenting
- Do not delete any evidence (messages, photos, accounts, etc.)

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Hiding Apps

- Disguised as other apps
- Locked folders and files
- Encrypted and hidden data within apps (Looking right at you, Snapchat)

Tips for Protecting Children at Home

- **ASK QUESTIONS.**
- Never assume that you know who your child is talking to
- Talk about what type of information is appropriate to share
- Teach your child that whatever gets sent over the internet, will remain on the internet permanently. Even if it is a “trusted” friend
- Tell your child to immediately report any sexually explicit conversations to you. Parents or Caregivers should report it immediately to Law Enforcement

Options Parents Have

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How to Report

- <https://report.cybertip.org/>
- Weber Area Dispatch Non-Emergency Line 801-395-8221

