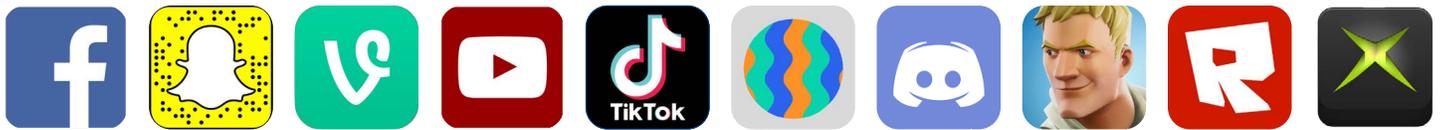


HOW TO TALK ABOUT Internet Safety

Our Internet Safety Program is created for third, fifth, and middle school students. The program enhances your child's understanding of ways to protect themselves while being on the Internet. The program is age appropriate and designed to increase awareness of safety, boundaries, and what children can do if they feel uncomfortable online.



Prevention Tips for Parents:

Teach kids the use of the internet is a privilege, not a right.	Parents should retain ownership of devices, instead as gifts or allowing children to buy their own.	Set internet usage rules for your family.
Set a rule that devices will be used in common areas of the home, not behind closed doors.	Teach children that nothing is ever truly erased from the internet.	Kids do not disclose things that happen to them online for fear of caregivers taking away their device/app/internet use.

Helpful Websites:

www.joshochs.com
www.netsmartz.org
www.safesmartsocial.com

More Prevention Tips:

 facebook.com/thechildcenterinc
 twitter.com/thechildcenter



Apps All Parents Should Know About

Following your child on social media, playing online games with them, and keeping track of websites used can decrease the dangers they could encounter. These popular apps and games make it easy for kids to over-share personal information. It is done through fun filters, tagging your location, sharing hobbies, and talking to people that show similar interests, but with people they do not know in real life.



TikTok

It allows you to create, share and discover short music videos. This app also links to other apps that can be dangerous for kids and can easily give out personal information, exact location, and background information.

Similar apps:
YouTube
Live.ly



Snapchat

Users can take pictures, videos, and message people with the promise of it disappearing. Because of this feature, Snapchat has become the preferred method of sexting. Screenshots can still be taken and shared. Snapchat also allows users to see your exact location.

Similar apps:
Facebook
Vine



Roblox

A virtual reality game, which allows kids to create adventures, play games, role-play, and learn with friends. This becomes dangerous for kids when they can chat and share personal information with strangers, or be invited to other private chat rooms.

Similar apps:
XBox Live
Fortnite
Discord



Houseparty

This app is a group video chat service that allows friends to chat via live video and text. App administrators do not monitor use and the video is live. Screenshots can also be taken.

Similar apps:
LiveMe
Holla



Whisper

This app allows you to post secrets anonymously and also allows you to chat with other users in your geographic area.

Similar apps:
ask.fm
YikYak



Kik

A free app-based alternative texting service that allows text and pictures to be sent without being logged in the phone history.

Similar apps:
Viber
WhatsApp

