

# You, the Internet & Predators



If you use any of these...



...**READ ON!**

## MYTH

"Sex trafficking only happens when someone gets kidnapped."

## FACT

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, there are 750,000 predators online worldwide at any given moment.

## What is Sex Trafficking

- it occurs when someone under 18 years of age is used in any sexual act in exchange for anything of value, such as food, shelter, transportation, drugs, or protection. This includes any sex act such as stripping, prostitution, or taking sexual videos or photos.

More often than not, sex traffickers end up being people who seem trustworthy—that cute older guy in your DMs, the girl from the coffee shop you've been texting with, or unfortunately, even a well-known family member.

Instead of kidnapping their victims and keeping them in a dungeon, they use their victim's love and trust to manipulate them into doing whatever they want, including sexual acts, oftentimes without anyone around them knowing something is wrong.



MYTH

"Porn is not sex trafficking"



FACT

Any photos or videos that are sexually explicit and include minors are considered sex trafficking.

"It happens only to girls."



Predators will try to talk to any girls or guys who will engage in conversation. What seems like harmless texts and asks, can become something very harmful in the long run.

## Protect Yourself

aka, be more clever than they

- Make sure all of your accounts are private
- Don't use the same username in every app and game
- Only friend and talk to those people you know (in real life!)
- Don't accept digital \$, tips, or gifts in exchange for any picture
- All personal info (school, city, phone #, etc.) is private info
- Monitor your followers and block people you don't know
- Turn your location services off!

## Friend Requests

red flags

- If the person's account is private and you don't recognize their profile pic or username, don't accept, and don't reply to them. It's not worth the risk!
- Check out who they are following. This can be a huge indicator of someone's intentions.
- Look into their bios. Although some traffickers are good at hiding their intentions, others are not so subtle.



Stay Safe High Schoolers!



[YouthOnline.SharedHope.org](https://YouthOnline.SharedHope.org)

But wait. There's more! Scan QR code with your

# Dangers of Sexting

## 1 It is illegal!

- It's illegal for anyone to possess or send naked photos of a minor (someone who is under 18 years old), and anyone can be arrested for distributing child sexual abuse material (CSAM) including videos or photos of minors in sexual situations.

## 2 It is harmful long-term

- Pictures can be saved and shared—and may be used as "revenge porn"
- Predators can use sexts to control youth and remove their personal safety boundaries through intimidation. This is called

## SEXTORTION

according to NCMEC, sextortion predators typically want to acquire more and more explicit material from the victim, get money or goods from them, or meet in person in order to engage in sex with the victim.



*think about*

## Before sending intimate pics or vids to:

### Someone You Know

- How well do you actually know them?
- If they are your GF/BF, how do you know they won't want to send out revenge porn or post it on websites after the relationship ends?

### Someone You Don't Know

- All of the above, AND
- You may become a victim of sextortion, which is a form of sex trafficking.
- You may be intimidated into meeting with them, meaning you may be physically endangering yourself.



*I BETTER NOT DM THEM BACK.*

## How online grooming takes place

- They try to appear familiar
- They start developing trust
- They try to establish secrecy
- They slowly erode boundaries
- They use direct intimidation

*where to look out*

Social Media  
Chat apps  
Games  
In person!

*and it can be anyone - male or female*



## online rule #1

Assume that nothing you share on the internet or text messages is private.

That data is stored on the cloud the moment you send it. Even deleted things can be found again.



- Porn can noticeably change how a person dresses or acts, and predators are watching
- It negatively impacts the way someone views sexuality and can harm their relationships
- By making changes to the brain, it becomes extremely addictive

## Take ACTION!

- Stop talking to them
- Block them everywhere
- Report the person to the app
- Save screenshots of your conversations with them
- Report them to National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) [CyberTipLine.org](https://www.cybertipline.org)
- Tell a safe adult!

**YOU ARE NOT THE CRIMINAL, THEY ARE**