

Phone Gaming Exploitation

Online Exploitation = When someone online takes advantage of others for their own benefit

Do you use a Phone, Tablet, Xbox, PlayStation, VR...?



Then these questions are meant to help you understand the possibilities of being exploited while on these devices:



Which apps or games can be dangerous?

- Any app or game with a chat feature
- Any app or game that shares your location
- Any app or game that encourages you to meet strangers online



How will I know when someone is a predator?

- They will try to appear familiar & friendly
- They will start to develop trust with you online
- They will try to establish secrecy and control
- They will attempt to push and lift your boundaries
- They will use direct intimidation & forceful demands





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Myth

- Sex trafficking only happens <u>overseas</u>
- Sex trafficking only happens <u>in</u> <u>person</u>
- Traffickers are usually <u>strangers</u>



- Sex trafficking can happen to **ANYONE** in your town, your school, or even to someone in your friend circles.
- Social media is becoming one of the most common places for sex trafficking and exploitation in America.
- Most traffickers will develop a relationship with you over time. They could even be people you know including friends, family, and romantic partners.

Protect Yourself

- Turn your location setting <u>OFF</u> on apps where you chat
- Set all of your accounts to private and only accept requests from people you know in real life
- Don't accept digital money, tips, or gifts in exchange for pictures or videos
- Regularly monitor your followers and delete anyone who makes you feel uncomfortable
- Don't send nudes- You never know who will see it.
- Keep your personal information <u>personal</u> (location, school, address, phone number, etc.)

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS BEING EXPLOITED ONLINE CALL OR MAKE A REPORT ON THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN (NCMEC) CYBER TIPLINE

1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)

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