



Online Predators

Online predators are internet users who exploit children and teens for sexual and violent purposes. This may include child grooming, engage in sexual activities, unwanted exposure of materials and pictures, online harassment, threats to cause fear or embarrassment. It is online harassment.



Social Networking

- Social networking web sites are popular for expressing views, to post and share photos, and videos over websites. Online predators take advantage of these web sites and pretend to be a child and make online friendship and try to collect your personal details and gradually introduce sexual communications and engage you in sexual activities.

E-mail

- An online predator collect the email addresses of children and starts sending them photographs, links related to porn sites and try to abuse the children and insist child to involve in sexual communication by threats and makes children feel uncomfortable.

Chat rooms

- Online predators join into chat rooms and start chatting with children and try to pretend as a child to collect the personal information, build trust and try to be a good friend by asking about child's interests, hobbies, personal photographs, ask for private chats, offers gifts. Sometimes the predators will be very kind and affectionate toward a child and gradually introduce the sexual content in their conversation and ask a child to maintain secrecy by not informing parents. If a child doesn't agree they may threaten and abuse them into submission.

Grooming Process

- An online predator builds a false sense of trust, relationships and breaks child's resistance and grooms him to be a sexual object and also tries for face to face meeting.

Threats

- Online Predators make threats when you no longer want to chat with them and start forcing you for in person meeting by issuing threats to harm your family members and friends.

Information Security Education & Awareness

If you are threatened

- Be cool, stop chatting and get out of the chat room or log off.
- If you are not willing to do things asked by predators don't hesitate to say no.
- If someone threatens you, immediately inform your parents.
- If someone uses bad language or threatens, take a screen shot of your conversation and tell them that you would report to police.
- If someone tries to abuse you don't logoff immediately inform parents and inform law enforcement.
- If something goes to the extreme like threatening to harm family members, contact cyber police.



How to prevent online predators?

- If someone offers you gifts' and if some stranger for no reason asks you to meet personally and tries to be very affectionate, be aware that these are the tactics of online predators.
- Make sure to choose the user names without using your real names.
- Don't post your personal details in social networking where everyone can see your details.
- Set rules like time limit and use internet under guidance of parents and make sure the computer is placed in the common room.
- Always avoid the topics related to your gender, age, location, and don't share problems at home and school.



Always Remember

- Always take security measures like privacy settings and set the limited view of your profile.
- Ignore or delete the mails from unknown users. It is suggested to hide personal information like interests, hobbies and family details to online friends.
- Do not get lead by any strangers into changing your habits and thoughts.
- Take your parents if you want to meet your online friend.
- Don't be scared of threats inform your parents and report to police.



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