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Online Predators – Part 2


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Through Internet Chat Rooms, Instant Messaging, and Internet Forums

Online predators join into chat rooms, instant messaging and internet forums and start chatting with children. They will pretend to be a child so that they can collect personal information, build trust and try to establish friendship with the child by asking about the child's interests, hobbies, personal photographs. They even ask for private chats and offer gifts in order to convince. Sometimes the predators will be very kind and affectionate toward a child in order to 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.

Tips:
Closely monitor and control your children's engagement and use of the internet chat facilities.



Through Child Grooming

Child grooming involves psychological manipulation to gain the child's trust. In the case of sexual grooming, child pornography images are often shown to the child as part of the grooming process. They might take an undue interest in someone else's child, to be the child's "special" friend to gain the child's trust. They might promise or give gifts or money to the child for no apparent reason (toys, dolls, etc.). They may show pornography—videos or pictures—to the child, hoping to make it easy for the child to accept such acts, thus normalizing the behavior. They may simply talk about sexual topics. These are just some of the methods a child groomer might use to gain a child's trust and affection in order to allow them to do what they want.

Tips:
Be suspicious! Keep an eye on your children and educate them about online safety.

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