



## BE VIGILANT AGAINST ONLINE PREDATORS



With the accessibility of the Internet today, children and youth can be easy targets for online scams and predators as they might take what they see at face value.

### Worried that your child is at risk online?

Here are some signs to look out for:

Spending a lot of  
time online  
(especially at night)



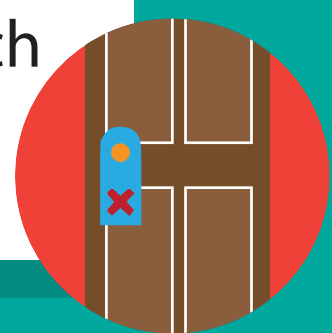
Finding  
pornography on the  
computer



Receiving phone  
calls, mail or gifts  
from people you do  
not know



Withdrawal from  
normal activities such  
as family gatherings



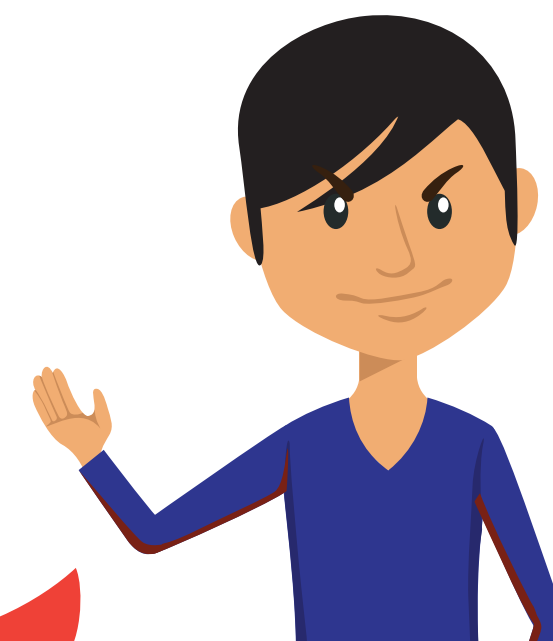
Switching or  
closing screens  
quickly when a family  
member approaches



Using a separate/  
different account for  
e-mail or social  
networking sites



Online predators usually search  
social networks and target  
child-oriented screen names.  
They try to gain the trust of the  
user through a process called  
"grooming", which includes the  
following ways:



Looking for child-oriented  
screen names

Striking up a conversation that  
interest the child in developing  
an online relationship

Searching through social  
networking site profiles

Showing interest in the user  
and gaining their trust through  
themed chat rooms based on  
specific interests such as anime  
or comic books.

Building them up by  
complimenting them

Be S.U.R.E. when you are looking for more  
information on online predators or child  
safety. Generally, website domains ending  
with the following are more credible:

.edu	Educational	✓
.gov	Government	✓
.mil	Military	✓
.org	Organization	✓

#### References :

- <http://www.familysafecomputers.org/predators.htm>
- <https://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/parent-guide/parent-guide>
- <http://www.nlb.gov.sg/sure/snuffing-out-online-predators/>
- <http://www.internetsafety101.org/grooming.htm>



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