Community Resources for Parents on Internet Safety

Stay True to You

The online community can be a fantastic way to meet friends and make connections. It is important that we make those connections while staying safe and true to ourselves.

Before sharing comments, pictures, or videos, **ask yourself, "Would I do or say this in real life?"**

Resources

- connectsafely.org
- ikeepsafe.org
- nsteens.org
- Safekids.com
- Netsmartz411.org
- CyberTipline: 1-800-843-5678

Staying True

- Why do it online of you wouldn't do it in real life?
- Why say it online if you wouldn't say it in real life?
- If you do things online you aren't ready to do in person, what happens when you meet in real life?
- What impact will your behavior have on others and your future?
- Do the things you like, share, and post really represent you?

Digital Footprint

- What if they save or screenshot the image or video?
- What happens to that video or picture if the friendship or relationship ends?
- What if others at school or your family see it?
- Could the pictures be used against you?
- Do you really believe they wouldn't share the picture or video with their friends?
- Does online privacy exist? (Hint: No)

The Creepers

- If it would be creepy in real life, you should also think it's creepy online.
- Wouldn't it be creepy for someone you just met to expose themselves to you or ask you to expose yourself to them?
- Wouldn't it be creepy for an adult to search for a date at a high school or middle school?
- Are they focused more on receiving pictures of you than getting to know you?