

### ***Protecting Kids Online (PKO) Video User's Guide***

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#### **SCHOOL GUIDE**

##### **Faculty/staff**

View the video individually or during a staff meeting to generate discussion and to develop strategies for addressing online safety.

##### **Discussion Questions:**

- Does student use of technology outside of the school day have an impact on the learning environment?
- How should schools help to educate students and caregivers on the safe use of today's technology in and beyond the school day?
- What should faculty or staff members do when they learn of cyber-bullying or and cyber-aggression behaviors, which occur after school hours on home computers, cell phones, etc.
- How should school policies and procedures address the use of technology beyond the school day?

##### **Students**

Although the video was created to educate adults on the dangers associated with online usage and to offer prevention strategies, it can also be used with middle and high school students to generate discussion and to develop prevention strategies.

##### **Discussion Questions:**

- How would you define cyber-bullying? Cyber-aggression?
- Is this a term your peers use?
- In what ways do students communicate thoughts and feelings through technology?
- Is this type of communication different from face-to-face communication?
- Have you ever experienced any form of cyber-bullying or cyber-aggression?
- Do you know what to do or who to turn to if you or a friend becomes a target of this type of behavior?
- What is an online predator?
- Do you give out any personal information online? What do you consider to be personal information?
- Do you know what to do or who to turn to if you or a friend is contacted by a stranger online?

##### **Parents & Caregivers**

Offer an evening program for parents/caregivers to view the video.

##### **Suggestions:**

- Schedule a certified Protecting Kids Online (PKO) law enforcement officer to speak to parents on the issues which are addressed in the video such as cyber-bullying and online predators. [www.safeschools.info](http://www.safeschools.info) Refer to Community Guide for detailed discussion questions.
- Ask a member of the school district's technology staff to co-present with a certified PKO trainer.
- Generate a discussion on how schools and communities can partner to keep children safe online.
- Form a committee to review or develop school policies which address the issues raised in the video.
- Provide information on school-based support and referral services. (Student Assistance Program, school counselors, etc.)
- Provide the audience with resources on how to keep children safe online.



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### **COMMUNITY GUIDE**

View the video in your home and decide if you would like to view it with your children.  
Use the following questions as a discussion guide for establishing rules for online safety.

- Does your child have a social networking site such as MySpace, Facebook, etc.?
- If so, have you viewed it and have you discussed rules associated with having this site?
- Is your child providing personal information in a profile or on social networking sites such as name, age, address, school or any other information which could be used to locate your child?
- Has your child reported any acts of cyber-aggression such as being bullied via text messages, on websites, social networking sites?
- Do you have rules for online safety, which include all forms of technology?
- Is your computer located in a common area of the house?
- If your child is using computers in community based programs, are there rules and safeguards in place?
- Do you feel you should be able to view your child's online activities? If so, do you know how to do so?
- Do you have software to monitor the child's use of the computer?
- Is your child being secretive about their use of the computer or cell phone?
- Have you encouraged them to tell you about anything or anyone that makes them feel uncomfortable online?
- Do you know who to contact in your school or community if you are concerned about your child's safety online?

Schedule an evening program for your school or community with a PKO certified instructor.  
[www.safeschools.info](http://www.safeschools.info) View the video as a group and use the following questions to generate discussion and to develop rules and strategies to keep children safe online.

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