

Cyberbullying

Many students are currently using their iphones, smartphones, ipods, ipads and tablets to communicate with friends, surf the web and access facebook, twitter, Pinterest, Instagram and SnapChat. With this advancement in technology, a new crime has recently emerged.- Cyberbullying.

Cyberbullying is the computer version of bullying. It is the sending or posting of harmful or cruel texts or images over the Internet or through other methods of communication.

A cyberbully is usually under the misconception that their identity is anonymous, thus empowering them to bully, harass, or transmit pictures across the Internet. What they don't realize, is that every time they send a message they are creating cyber-footprints which can be traced to their IP address.

Cyberbullying is against the law.

If you or someone you know is a victim of cyberbullying, tell a responsible adult immediately.

They will contact the proper authority to put an end to the cyberbullying.

Internet Safety Tips for Students



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A Message from District Attorney Tim Cruz

New mobile communication devices, such as iphones, smartphones, smarttvs and tablets have become extremely popular.

These devices provide us all with a great way to keep in touch with family and friends.

They enable us to access the Internet, as well as our social media pages, e-mail and text messages.

However, while they are linked to the Internet, they provide a new array of dangers that perpetrators use to lure unsuspecting victims into their web.

This brochure has been created to raise awareness to these dangers. It will assist you and your family members in protecting your identity when you are using the Internet.

More importantly, by using common sense, and sound judgment, you can avoid these dangers and enjoy all that this new technology has to offer.

Avoid the Dangers of Using Social Media

- *Be aware*, Social Media sites, such as Facebook, Twitter , Instagram, and Snap Chat are never 100% secure
- Social Media Sites provide an easy way for a stranger to contact you or find out vital information about you
- If privacy settings are not set on your accounts, anyone could watch you while you are online

Protect yourself while using Social Media Sites

- Be sure to set your privacy settings
- Allow only people you know in real life to follow you.
- If you receive a message or tweet from someone you know who is not on your list, or from a stranger, you can and should block them from contacting you
- Be sure not to provide any personal information about you or your family in any of your profiles

Follow the rules!

It is illegal:

- To threaten people over the Internet or phone through texts, facebook twitter or any social media site
- To send graphic photos to people under the age of 18
- To harass or bully anyone
- To use other's credit cards without permission
- To download music without permission
- To use someone else's identity without their permission

Protect your Information

- Do not give out your name, address, phone #, photo, birthday or social security number
- Use extreme caution when writing your profile
- Protect your password from others, even your friends. Giving them your password is like giving them the keys to your house.
- Beware of free offers and surveys

Answers

- Never respond if you feel uncomfortable
- Never say you're alone
- Don't answer chat room questions, even with lies

Security

- Kids and teens should not make online purchases without parental guidance
- Use caution when using facebook, twitter, instagram, snapchat, skype and facetime
- Enable Firewalls
- Use Virus Checkers
- Install Security updates from your Internet Service Provider

Strangers

- On-Line friends are still strangers
- Meetings are forbidden
- People on the Internet may have many identities

Avoid becoming a Victim!

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**Remember
the
PASS
Word!**