



# #inAPPropriate

Sex, Cell Phones, & Social Media Safety

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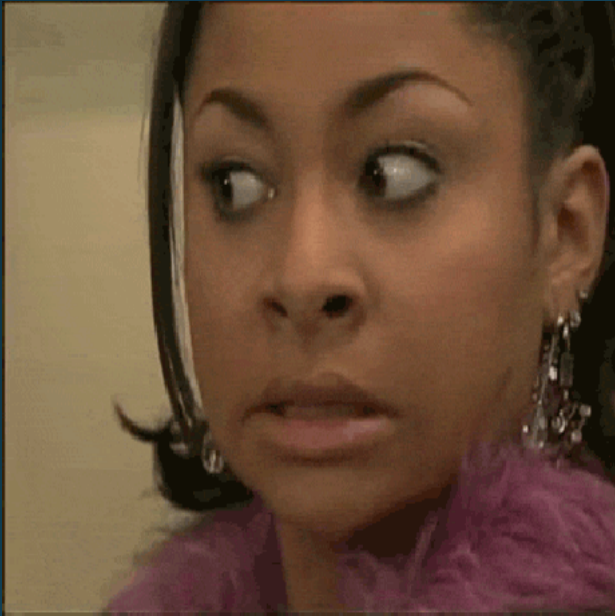


# By the numbers. . .

- Over 2.2 Million different apps are available for download.
- 70% of children ages 7-18 have accidentally encountered online pornography.
- 22% of teenage girls have posted nude or semi-nude photos or videos of themselves.
- 65% of 8-14 year olds have been involved in a cyber-bullying incident.
- The FBI reports a 2000% increase in the number of pornographic images of children on the internet since 1996.
- Teen suicide has increased by 200% since 2007.



# Time for "The Talk"





# Let's Talk About Sex

- Sexual Intercourse is only the half of it.
  - Correctly naming body parts
  - Body Safety and Body Privacy
  - Photos
- The discussion should also address pornography.
  - What is it;
  - What to do if they see pornography;
  - What to do if someone sends them a pornographic image;
- Why is talking about sex early and often so important?
  - To learn responsible sexual behavior;
  - To make sure they are getting accurate information;
  - Healthy sexual awareness can protect against sexual abuse;



# Top Five Apps to Monitor



Omegle



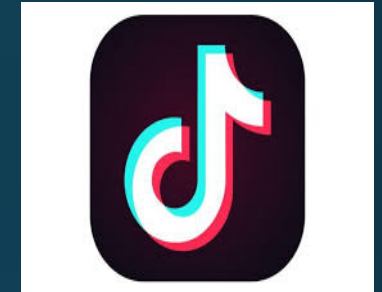
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Snapchat



Tinder



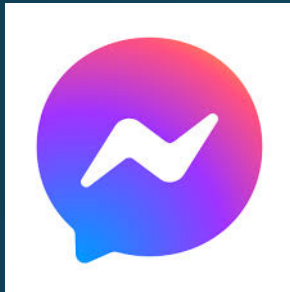
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# Social Media Apps



Facebook



Facebook  
messenger



Instagram



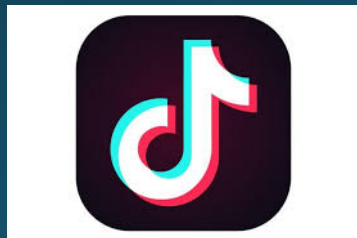
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Whatsapp



Twitter



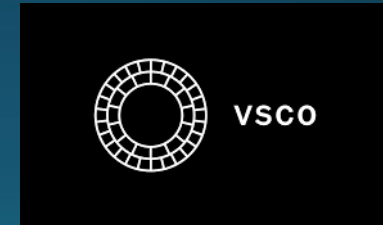
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YouTube

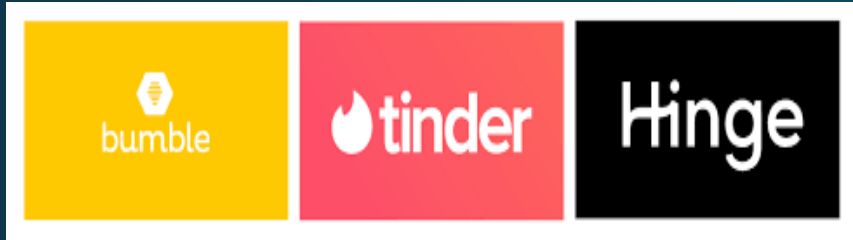


House Party



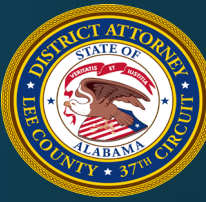
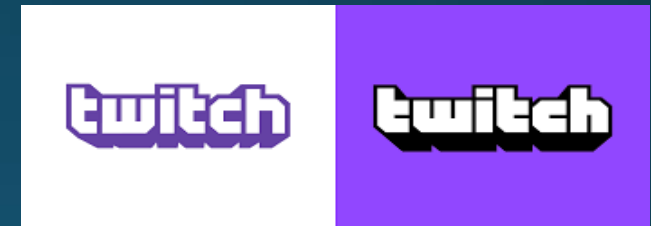
VSCO

# Dating Apps



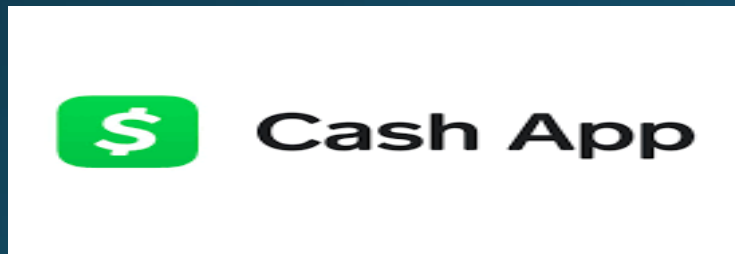
# Games

(with messaging capability)





# Money exchanging Apps



# Anonymous Apps



ask.fm







# Things To Be Aware Of...

- If you use Life360 in order to locate your child, you should be mindful that someone can “drop their location off” when visiting a location. This means that the child will turn their phone on airplane mode and the 360 location will remain at that place. They can then move about freely (while their location remains the same) and still use their phone to text or facetime when on wifi.
- Users can make “private stories” on Snapchat, Instagram, and Facebook. A user can select the audience for these stories. Therefore, just because you can’t see a story does not mean that it doesn’t exist.
- Snapchat has a location feature called “SnapMaps.” This allows anyone who is your snapchat friend to be able to view your location; however, it can be disabled.



## Hot or Not

- Pics you put on the profile are rated for "hotness."
- Their moto is "Chat, Flirt, & Meet New People"



9:56

Elizabeth

OVERALL SCORE  
8.3

SHARED FRIENDS  
12

INTERESTS IN COMMON  
2

Congratulations!

8.65

12,230 out of 15,294 people rated you Hot.

You are one of the top rated people on Hot or Not!

share with friends

SAMUEL

9:56

You connected with Samuel

2 days ago

FRIENDS IN COMMON  
5

INTERESTS IN COMMON  
14

Chat with Samuel about your common passion in snowboarding, travel and cooking!

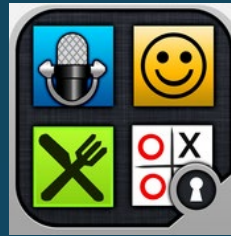
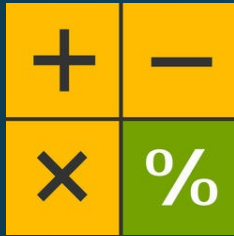
Write a message



## ROBLOX

- Multiplayer Online Game.
- Unmoderated Chat
- Reports of virtual sex and bullying.
- July 2018 Mother reported her 7 year old daughter's avatar was gang raped on a virtual playground.

# Ghost Apps or Vault Apps



- Used to collect private photos, videos, and texts.
- Require a password. Some include a “decoy password.”
- The apps are disguised to appear harmless on the phone screen.
- May include a “stealth” camera mode.
  - Tip: If you need to do a spot check, on iPhones go into Settings -> Privacy -> Camera to see which apps have used the camera.



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
TAKE  
ACTION**

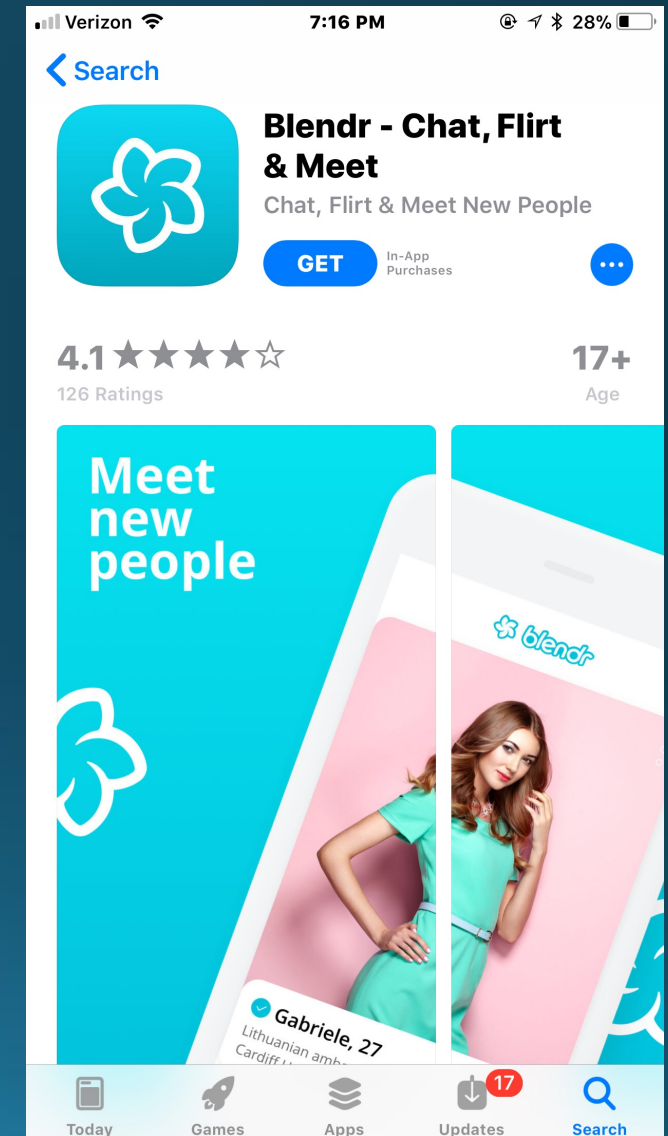
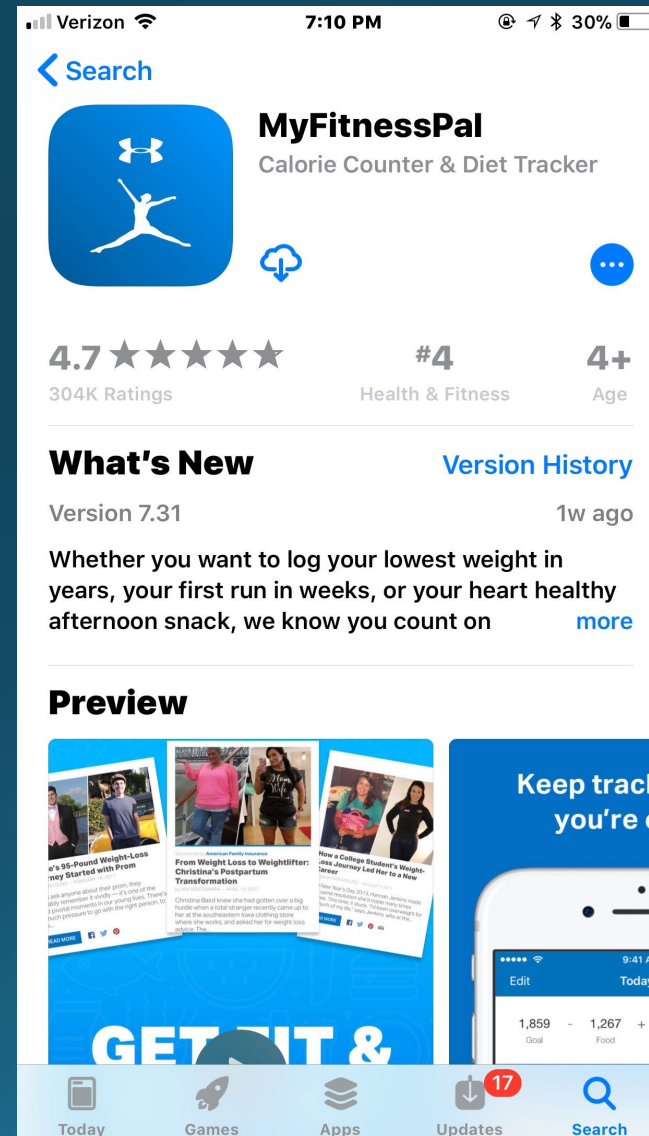




# Go to the source.

Suggested Age Ratings are listed on each app page.

Apple rates its own applications based on content, and determines the age appropriateness of the app.







# Read Descriptions and Comments

**Private Photo Vault:** "This is an amazing app for storing pictures that you don't want seen by your friends/family snooping through your camera roll..."

**Omegle:** "To help you stay safe, chats are anonymous unless you tell someone who you are (not suggested!), and you can stop a chat at any time. Predators have been known to use Omegle, so please be careful."



# TikTok suicide video prompts warning for parents to keep children offline



## Key points:

- The video, originally live streamed on Facebook, has been widely viewed since it was posted
- Parents are urged to keep their children off social media, including Twitter and Instagram
- Distressing content should be reported to TikTok and to [esafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au)

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-09-08/tiktok-suicide-video-prompts-warning-facebook-instagram-twitter/12641136>



## A mother's warning for parents about the TikTok app Buffalo mom says hidden danger with app

### Key points:

- At a glance, the TikTok app looks innocent with a lot of short fun video clips of kids showing off their creative side.
- There are several websites found on Mozilla to guide parents thru privacy settings.
- The simplest thing you can do is find out what your kids are downloading and communicate with them.


<https://www.wkbw.com/news/protecting-your-family/a-mothers-warning-for-parents-about-tiktok-app>





# The 5 Best Parental Control Apps of 2021

- Best Overall: [Net Nanny](#)
- Best for Older Teens: [Moment](#)
- Best for Younger Children: [Qustodio](#)
- Best for Overall Monitoring: [Bark](#)
- Best for Location Tracking: [FamilyTime](#)



 **omgle** Talk to strangers! 853K Tweet 88.8K Like 47,000

You're now chatting with a random stranger. Say hi!  
You both like Mujeres.

Mouseover for options. Take Snapshot

Stop  
Esc

DOWN

THE SECRET TO GETTING DOWN  
WITH FRIENDS IS TO GET DOWN NEARBY!



**Down:**  
Safe, anonymous dating.

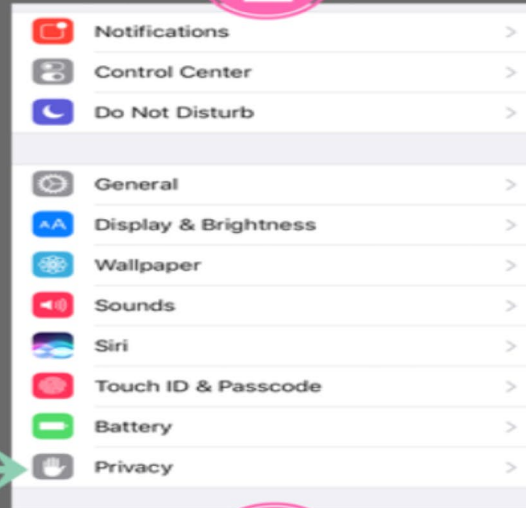


# TURNING OFF LOCATION SERVICES

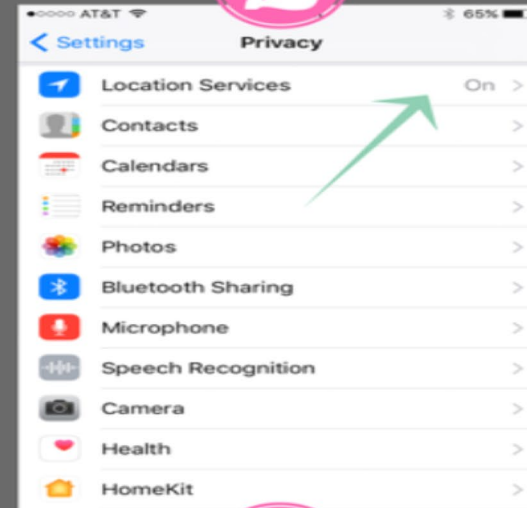


Settings on  
iOS Device

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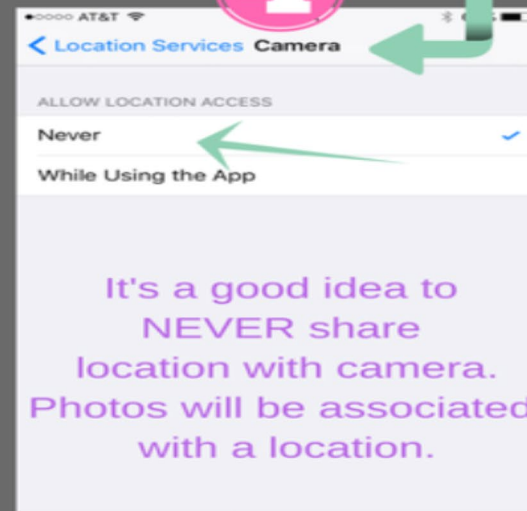
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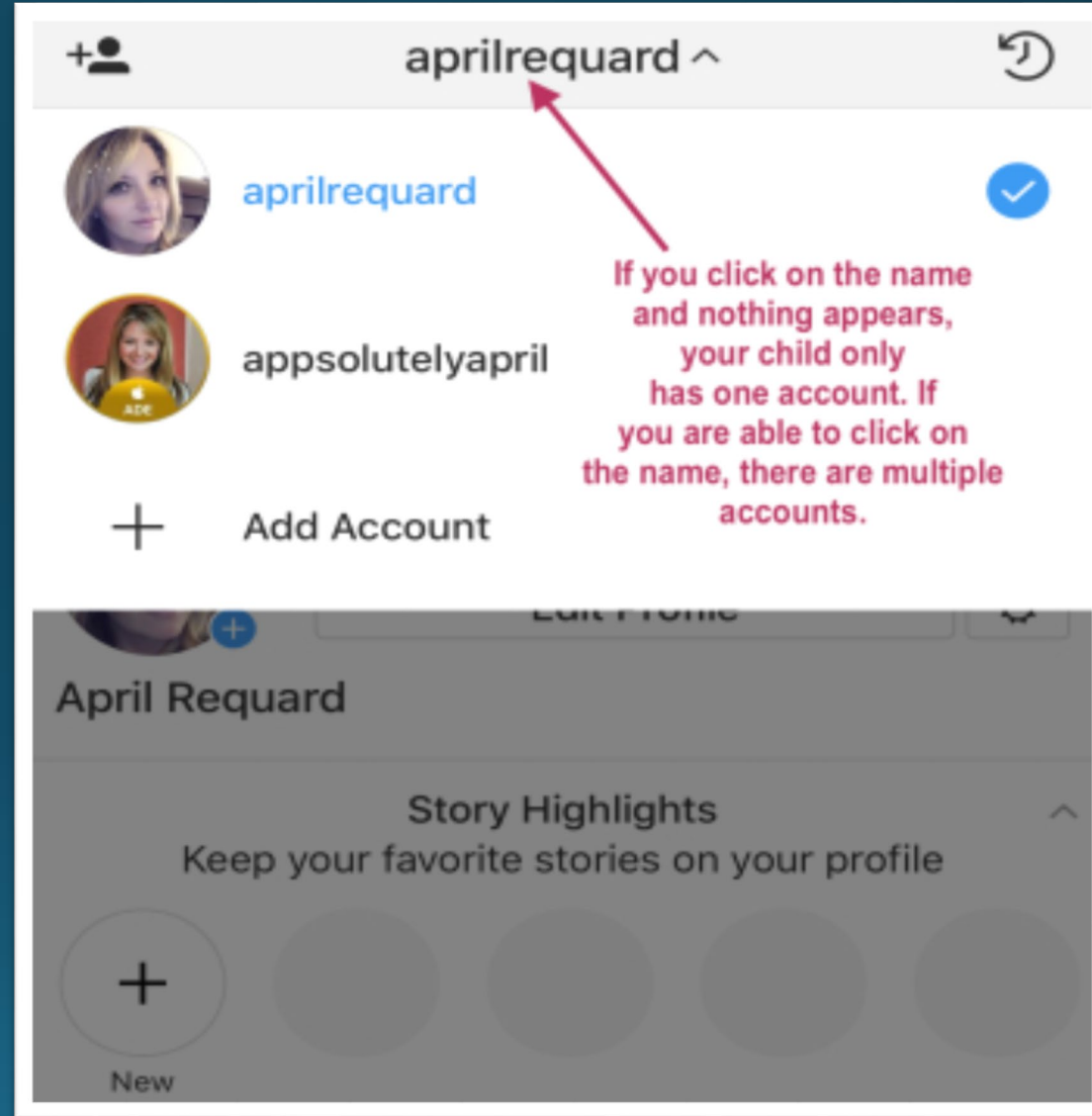
It's a good idea to  
**NEVER** share  
location with camera.  
Photos will be associated  
with a location.

See which apps are using your location



Find the “Finsta”  
You will need:  
Their phone &  
Passcode

Source: appsolutelyapril.com





## HOW TO FIND SECRET APPS ON YOUR CHILD'S IPHONE



On your child's phone, go to the App Store and use the search tool to look for these key words "hidden, private photos, photo vault, or secret."

If your child has any of these apps, it will say "open" next to it.

OPEN

If your child does NOT have the app, it will say "get."

GET

If your child used to have it and has deleted it, it will have a cloud icon.



[appsolutelyapril.com](http://appsolutelyapril.com)





# More Tips and Tricks...

- commonsensemedia.org
- safesmartsocial.com
- netsmartz.org
- nationalcac.org
- Ask To Buy (iPhone)
- Set Parental Controls
- Know ALL their passwords
- Avoid “anonymous” apps
- Avoid apps without friend requests.

## Worth the fight. . .

- The legal consequences.
- The short-term and long-term consequences.





# The Legal Consequences.

- Harassment
- Making Terrorist Threats
- Domestic Violence
- Sexting
- Revenge Porn
- Sextortion or Sexual Extortion
- Possession and Production of Obscene Matter
- Electronic Solicitation of a child under 16 years old
- Enticing a child for immoral purposes
- And on and on and on. . . .



# Sexting

- What is it?
  - Sending or exchanging sexually explicit messages, photos or videos with another.
  - Top 5 results of a Google search of “sexting” include, *How to Send Sexy Texts and Messages; Here’s what guys really want you to say in sexts*; and a YouTube video *How to Master the Art of Sexting*.
  - A search of “sexting” on Bing: If you aren’t sexting anyone these days, you clearly aren’t part of the cool crowd—everyone is doing it!
- Is it illegal?
  - Depends.



# Revenge Porn

- What is it?
  - Posting or displaying a sexually explicit image of a person for the purpose of humiliation or harassment.
  - Most commonly occurs during bad break ups.
- Is it illegal?
  - Yes. Class A misdemeanor



# Sextortion or Sexual Extortion

- What is it?
  - A type of sexual exploitation where threats or intimidation are used to coerce another person to produce sexual images or to engage in sexual conduct.
  - The threats are typically transmitted electronically, and include threats of physical harm, property damage, or reputation.
- Is it illegal?
  - Yes. It is a Class B Felony. Requires registration as a sex offender.



# What does it mean to "Register as a Sex Offender"?

- Juvenile Sex Offenders are required to register with their local law enforcement agency.
  - Personal Identifying information.
  - Name and address of school
  - A current photo
  - Finger Prints and Palm Prints
  - A DNA Sample
  - A list of any and all internet service providers used by the sex offender.
- Registration as a sex offender is mandatory.
  - In limited circumstances, the juvenile court judge MAY exempt them from registration and notification only AFTER the juvenile has been counseled.





# Obscene Matter

- What is it? Obscene Matter- another word for pornography:
- A depiction of sexual intercourse, sexual excitement, masturbation, genital nudity, or other sexual conduct. May also include breast nudity.
- It is illegal when the person depicted is under 17.



# Possession Obscene Matter

- Any person who knowingly possesses a pornographic image of a person under the age of 17 years old is guilty of a Class C Felony.
- Possessing includes images held or stored on phones, computers, and any other device.
- Requires Sex Offender Registration
- The fact that the person in the picture looks older than 17 is not a defense.
- It is illegal for a child under 17 to possess their own pornographic image.
- Each photo can be a separate charge.



# Production Obscene Matter

- Any person who knowingly films, prints, records, photographs, or otherwise produces a pornographic image of a person under 17 is guilty of a Class A Felony.
- Requires Sex Offender Registration and may be prosecuted as an adult.
- Thinking the person you are filming is over 17 is not a defense.
- It is illegal for a child under 17 to produce their own pornographic image.



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- 35-40% colleges and universities review applicants' social media.
- Some colleges will withdraw their offer of admission based on negative social media posts.
- Sororities investigate social media of all potential pledges.

# Long Term Consequences. . .



- 90% of hiring managers review an applicants social media during the screening process.
- 69% have rejected an application based on negative social media.





# 10 Things You Should Know About Your Digital Footprint...

1. A digital footprint is the information about you that exists as a result of online activity.
2. When you post and search online you are leaving a trail of information.
3. Your digital footprint not only affects you now, but it will in the future.
4. Once you post online it is out there forever, even if you delete it.
5. Any pictures or messages sent to one person can easily be shared with many more.
6. Google yourself. Elements of your digital footprint can be searched.
7. Any old or inactive accounts should be disabled and deleted.
8. Be mindful of other's digital footprints (ex. Ask before tagging others).
9. Use your privacy settings. Make sure to keep personal information private.
10. Think before you post. How would you feel if a parent, employer, or teacher saw your post?





# Pictures are FOREVER



- Maintains a database of pornographic images of children.
- An image of 9 year old "Linda" taken in 1973 was the beginning of case here in Lee County in 2016.
- The images are "shared" thousands of times. Worldwide.



# Conclusion

- Their phone is NOT their phone. It is your phone.
- Once a picture is online. You cannot get it back. Ever.
- Talk about social media safety early and often.
- Be Proactive.
- Have a plan.



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For a list of resources:

[www.leecountyda.org/resources](http://www.leecountyda.org/resources)

Email questions:

[info@leecountyda.org](mailto:info@leecountyda.org)