

**"Because a child's
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Safety educational initiative,
created by law enforcement
professionals in 1998, and
dedicated not only to protect-
ing youth from those who
would do them harm, but
pro-actively educating them
in the safe and responsible
use of today's ever-changing
technology. Together, we're
improving and saving lives.*

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Refuse to be a Victim

- People may not be who they claim to be. Know with whom you are communicating.
- Every smart device has a unique I.P. Address which can be traced directly to you.
- Real-time “checking in” at locations reveals your whereabouts and your pattern to all.
- With the apps you use, do you really know the extent of detail they are collecting about you and your contacts?
- Apps with so-called “disappearing” pics and “anonymous” messaging are a myth. What you post is out there forever, and you gave up any control when you hit “send.”
- Scholarship Committees and Employers are checking your social media footprint in their decisionmaking. Would **you** hire you?
- Would you be comfortable in a moment’s notice handing your device over to a parent or guardian? A teacher? A boss? A cop? If not, why not? What do you need to delete?
- On your device, are you now being, or have you ever been, bullied, harassed, or threatened? Have you told anyone in authority about it? If not, why not?

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Refuse to be a Bully

- Bullying is not bravery. Bullying while hiding behind a remote device is a new and special brand of cowardice. Youth suicide has skyrocketed over 70% in the last decade.* Regardless of what you think you know about “anonymous” apps, bullying messages can be traced—and prosecuted. Think before you send. Once it’s sent, you can’t get it back.

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Refuse to be a Felon

- According to the U.S. Code, a nude photo of anyone under 18 is child pornography. Even if you are a minor...
 - Taking the picture is **manufacture**.
 - Keeping the picture (even if someone else sent it to you) is **possession**.
 - Sending the picture is **distribution**.**All three are separate felonies.**
- While laws vary by state, criminal charges are being brought against minors found guilty of bullying someone who goes on to commit suicide.

Refuse to be Silent

- As we all learn more about cyber safety, we realize that technology itself is benign. It’s what we do with it that matters. It can be used for good or evil. Together, we see how—even inadvertently—we can be a part of the problem. Conversely, we can choose to be part of the solution.
- Empowered with knowledge to be able to identify and avoid pitfalls, we are emboldened to check our own behavior, to stop cowardly bullies in their tracks, and to have the courage to speak up and save a reputation, a career—perhaps even a life.

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