



Child Advocacy Center
of Sedgwick County

RECOGNIZE | RESPOND | REPORT

Online Exploitation

If a child is in imminent danger, please call 911, and make a report with the Kansas Protection Report Center at 1-800-922-5330

Recognize:

- Encourage your child to tell you immediately if anyone online makes them feel uncomfortable, asks for a picture of any type, or attempts to make plans to meet your child in person.
- Signs that an online predator may be connecting with your child:
- Child is withdrawn or isolated from family and friends
- Inappropriate material is found on the computer, console, or device used by the child to access the internet
- Child receives mail, money, or gifts
- Unknown phone numbers appear on the phone billing statements

How NOT to respond:

- Do not lose your composure.
- Children rarely lie about being abused, don't try to determine if a disclosure is true.
- Do not confront the offender. This could be dangerous, and could interfere with the investigation.
- Do not use body language that could display anger or disappointment.
- Are you telling me the truth?
- Why did you let that happen?
- Why didn't you stop him/her?
- You must feel awful about that.
- He/She didn't mean to do that, let me know if it happens again.

How to Respond:

- Write down everything the child told you.
- Save all evidence of contact: emails, messages, photos etc
- I believe you.
- It's not your fault.
- I don't know what happens next, but I will help you.
- I'm glad you told me.
- I'm upset, but not at you.

Report:

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