



PARENT SUPPORT

Helping Parents Navigate the Digital World

Open communication is essential to prepare your child for potential threats. Teach them how to report suspicious activity online.

Potential Online Threats:

1. ONLINE GAMING: Gaming platforms are ripe for cyber-bullying, hacked webcams, online predators, and terrorist radicalization.



2. POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS APPS: Malicious users may use apps to groom, bully, harass, gather personal information, or illicit photos. Review these and other potential dangers of online apps on our website, [SafeOC.com/parent-support](https://www.safeoc.com/parent-support).



3. DIRECT MESSAGES: Did you know some social platforms delete messages after they are sent? Your child may be receiving, or sending explicit, threatening, or inappropriate content without your knowledge.



Why Children Don't Report

Children tend to see threats, warning signs, and signals, but don't report them. Some fear they won't be taken seriously or be labeled a "snitch". Others don't know who to tell.



How to Report Suspicious Activity Online



1. Take a screenshot that includes the person's username and handle.
2. Screen record any videos you may see online.
3. Take a screenshot of the user's profile page, including their bio, username, handle, profile picture, and profile banner.
4. Provide a link to the thread, comment, or post you are reporting.

**** Be sure to take a screenshot, as some content is deleted without warning.**

Submit your tip to the Orange County Intelligence Assessment Center (OCIAC) at ociac.ca.gov.



Additional Parent Resources

Be sure to visit our website for more information on local resources, including:



Child & Family Support
Bullying Prevention
Mental Health Support
Victim Referral Services, and more.

