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With Students Beginning Virtual School, Sheriff Reminds Parents to Monitor Children’s Online Activity

With Flagler Schools beginning virtual schooling on Monday, the Flagler County Sheriff’s Office (FCSO) is reminding parents to monitor their child’s online activity since they will be spending more time on the internet.

“Parents, while we are going through this unprecedented time and all of us are having to adapt quickly to changes, it is more important than ever to monitor your child’s activity to make sure they are safe,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “Technology is continually evolving and predators are adept at using the evolving technology to target and manipulate children. Be proactive in your child’s life, use monitoring apps, and talk with your children about staying safe online.”

The FCSO recommends that parents are present while students are completing school work online. All devices should be used in common areas of the home and visible to parents or guardians at all times. At bedtime, devices should remain in the common areas and out of the reach of children. Even children using devices responsibly can fall victim to online predators.

While the FCSO encourages parents to monitor all online activities, below is a list of twenty-four known applications that parents should be familiar with. There are many monitoring applications available for parents to track their child’s online activity. Check out *Bark, Net Nanny, Securly*, and more offered in the App Store and on Google Play.

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TWENTY-FOUR APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

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SNAPCHAT allows users to see your location and can keep photos/videos for up to 24 hours.



OMEGLE is an anonymous video app that critics believe is a perfect app for unsuspecting predators.



TINDER is a location-based dating app and website.



CALCULATOR% is one of several secret apps that allows used to hide photos, videos, files, and history.



GRINDR is a location-based dating app and website.



MEETME is a location-based dating app encouraging strangers to meet in person.



PERISCOPE allows users to stream audio and video content and share it with other users.



SKOUT is a location-based dating app and website.



BADOO is a location-based dating and social media app with the ability to send photos, videos, and messages.



HOUSEPARTY is a live chatroom for texts and video. Users have reported explicit content, racial slurs, and more.



WHATSAPP is a messaging app that allows users to send photos, videos, and make calls and video chats.



ASK.FM is known for cyberbullying.



BLENDR is a location-based dating app and website.



KIK is a direct messaging app that allows anyone to contact anyone else with unlimited access.



WHISPER is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers.



LIVEME uses geolocation while livestreaming videos allowing users to see your exact location.



BUMBLE is a dating app that requires a female to make the first contact. Fake accounts are known to be created.



XBOX LIVE is an online service that behaves as a social network and allows for chatting with strangers.



HOLLA is a video chat app. Users have reported explicit content, racial slurs, and more.



HOT OR NOT is a dating app where users to rate the profile of others and to see and chat with people in their area.



TIKTOK is a social app with limited privacy controls known for cyber bullying and explicit content.



WILDCRAFT is a multi-player gaming app that allows group chatting and has been linked to cyberbullying.



INSTAGRAM allows users to see your location and allows private messaging.



TWITTER is increasingly popular with teenagers and has been linked to cyberbullying.

***MONITORING APPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS. CHECK OUT BARK, NET NANNY, SECURLY AND MORE.**

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