5 ways you can help to defend children from sex trafficking right now

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IF YOU SUSPECT OR FEEL IN DANGER OF SEX TRAFFICKING

Call federal law enforcement directly to report suspected human trafficking activity and get help: U.S. Department of Homeland Security at 1-866-347-2423 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year, or submit a tip online at www.ice.gov/tips

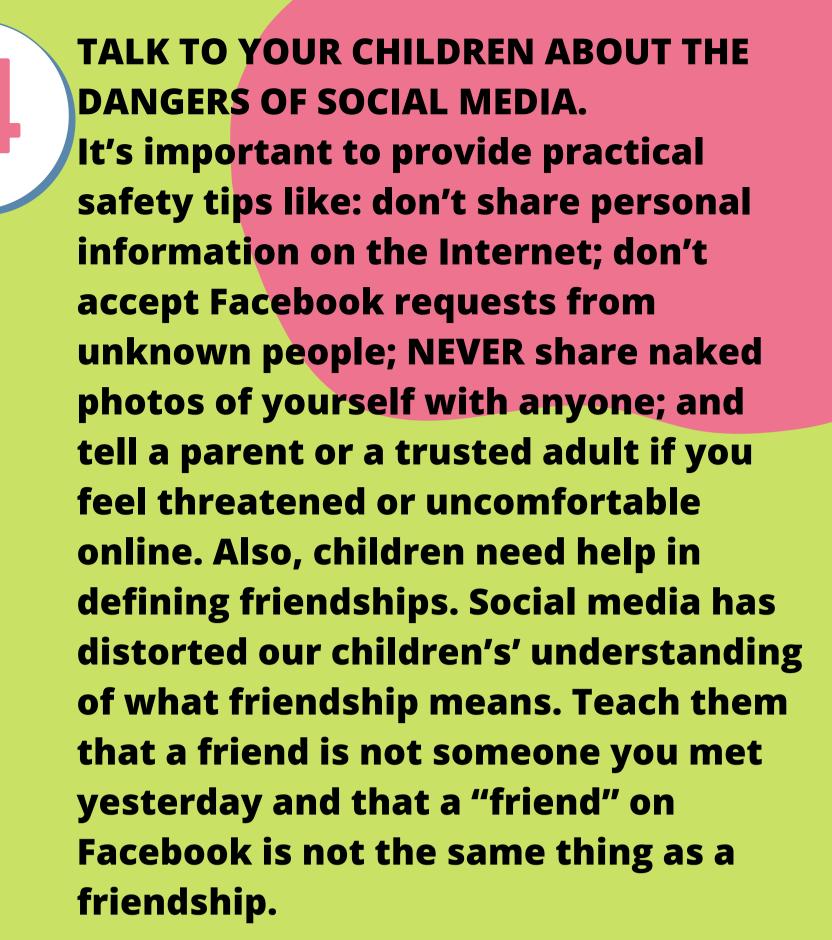
TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE.

According to the US Department of Justice, every two minutes someone in the US is sexually assaulted, of which 29% are ages 12-17. Let your children know that if anyone has or ever does hurt them, they can talk to you. This is the most important thing you can say. Don't assume they have not been hurt by sexual violence before. Leave the door open for your child to talk about past circumstances that they haven't shared with you.

TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT SEX TRAFFICKING.

Discuss ways children and teens are targeted for sex trafficking. Let them know that traffickers specifically try to woo young girls and boys with promises of a better life – whether it's promises of love and attention or promises of nice things and trips – these pimps look for ways of exploiting dreams. Traffickers can be male or female, even classmates. Traffickers may even use kids to recruit other kids.

AS YOUR CHILD'S PARENT OR GUARDIAN,
YOU PROBABLY KNOW THEM BETTER THAN
ANYONE ELSE, SO YOU WILL LIKELY BE THE
FIRST TO NOTICE CHANGES IN THEIR
BEHAVIOR THAT MIGHT INDICATE THAT
THEY'RE COMMUNICATING WITH A
TRAFFICKER. IF YOUR KID SUDDENLY HAS
UNEXPLAINED INCOME, SPENDS MORE TIME
ONLINE THAN USUAL, OR HAS A
SIGNIFICANT PERSONALITY CHANGE, THIS
PROBABLY WARRANTS A CONVERSATION
ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON.*



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WHILE HAVING A FAMILY DISCUSSION ABOUT SEX TRAFFICIKNG

It is important to help protect your child. Take advantage of parental controls for video games and consoles — which predators can use to begin inappropriate relationships with kids — and learn about your options for disabling chat functions on platforms like Discord. You can also use apps to monitor your child's online activities across texts, chat, email, YouTube, and 24+ social media platforms for signs of digital dangers.