

Keeping Children Safe in a Social Media World

- ❖ **Be Involved** – Now more than ever is the time for you to know who your children’s friends are, what your children’s interests are and how your children spend their free time (both in your home and away from home).

- ❖ **Be Aware** – Orient yourself to what is popular right now with children and what social media sites they know of and use. What is You Tube and what can you find there? What is trending on popular sites such as Facebook?

- ❖ **Be Responsible** – Monitor your child’s access to social media and inquire about their friends’ access to it. Who has a smart phone? Who has laptops? Who has access to unsupervised Internet screen time? What are parental controls and how do you use them? What is sexting and do your children know about it?

- ❖ **Be Social** – Get others involved in your decision to help your children be safe. You may be the voice the other parents need.

- ❖ **Be Inquisitive** – Ask questions and remain open to the answers. Listening without judgment doesn’t equal permission or condoning.


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