



Checklist – Is Your Child Vulnerable to Predators Online?

During my time as a police officer specialising in child exploitation, I interviewed many online child sex offenders (after arrest).

Here are some of the factors or behaviours they looked for in children online that would make them potential victims.

- Children online for extended hours
- Children online outside acceptable hours for youth
 - Indicated no parental supervision or a child that took risks and broke family rules
- Over-sexualized themselves through images or conversation
- Attempts to appear older or do things that a child of their age wouldn't be expected to do
- No privacy settings
- Not connected to responsible adults in their online activities
- Extreme number of friends or contacts in social networking accounts
- The use of language that is inconsistent with a child of that age
- Frequenting websites or programs not designed or appropriate for children

How many of these boxes can you tick for each of your children?

Not sure. Find out. NOW.

There is no such thing as a right to privacy online. Once posted, it's available to those that want to use it.

Your turn to investigate. The consequences of doing nothing are unacceptable.