



GROOMING FACTS

Grooming is the process through which a predator offers you gifts, affection, and attention in order to play on your vulnerabilities and entice you into a sexual relationship.

Online Predators want to

- » Gain your trust
- » Manipulate you by relating to your emotions and insecurities
- » Influence your opinion about your parents or guardian
- » Show you inappropriate materials
- » Exploit your natural curiosity about sex
- » Make you keep secrets from your parents or guardian
- » Influence and control your behavior

Talk to your parents, guardian, or another trusted adult immediately if someone tries to

- » Isolate you from your family and friends
- » Turn you against your parents or guardian
- » Make you keep everything a secret
- » Send inappropriate material or talk about explicit subjects
- » Send gifts such as webcams or cell phones your parents don't know about
- » Get you to send sexually explicit images
- » Threaten you

What to Report

- » Anyone you don't know who asks you for personal information, photos, or videos
- » Inappropriate or obscene material from people or companies you don't know
- » Misleading URLs that point you to sites containing harmful or inappropriate content rather than what you were looking for
- » Anyone who sends you sexually explicit photos or videos
- » Anyone who asks you to meet in person for sexual activities – No one should be making sexual invitations to you online, and it's illegal for an adult to ask!

If any of the above happens to you or a friend, tell an adult you trust and report it to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's CyberTipline at CyberTipline.com.