

## Social Networking Tips for Parents

Know what your children are doing on social media. Be involved!

Know your children's social media passwords!

Inspect your children's friends list. If you don't know them, they are not friends.

Ensure your child's social media privacy settings are set to the appropriate levels.

If your child has a certain social media account, you should also have an account.

Remember, nothing is ever "deleted" from social media or the Internet. Once posted, it is posted forever.

Talk to your children about online predators and what to do if they are ever contacted by one.

Limit the information your children post online. Birthdates, home addresses, and phone numbers can lure predators and identity thieves and cause big problems.

Talk to your children about morals and ethics. In today's age, one's online reputation can follow them for the rest of their lives.

Make sure your children know it is not safe to share passwords and accounts with others outside of the family.

## Fraud & Cyber Crimes Bureau MISSION STATEMENT

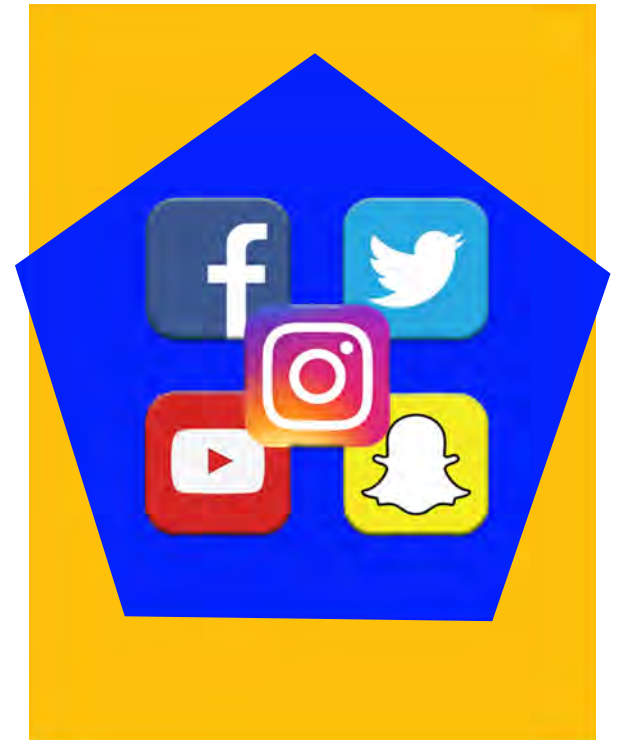
It is the mission of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Fraud & Cyber Crimes Bureau to provide high quality, state-of-the-art criminal investigative services and support to the citizens of Los Angeles County. The Fraud & Cyber Crimes Bureau is also committed to providing cutting edge cyber training to investigators, managers and patrol deputies. In addition to training, the Fraud & Cyber Crimes Bureau deploys a comprehensive cyber-crime prevention effort, aimed at educating the public in Internet safety, social media safety, and identity theft prevention.

## ABOUT THE BUREAU

The Fraud & Cyber Crime Bureau is comprised of a team of experienced fraud investigators, identity theft investigators, cyber investigators, digital forensic specialists, and audio/video specialists. This knowledgeable team of investigators employs the latest in advanced technology to solve complex financial and cyber related crimes.



## Parent's Guide to: ONLINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY



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## MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF



The Internet has made a positive change to the world and is present in everything we do, from banking, to education, to communicating with friends and family. Along with these positive and productive aspects of the Internet, comes other aspects which can be of concern for parents, educators, children and community members. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is dedicated to working with the citizens of Los Angeles County in preventing Internet crimes and on educating the public on Internet scams and social media crime.

Sheriff Jim McDonnell

## PROTECT YOURSELF

1. Ensure your security software is up to date.
2. Change your password often.
3. Use a passphrase rather than a password.
4. An example of a passphrase:

**Mydog\$namei\$spot**

But change the characters around so it becomes a complex and strong password like this:

**Myd0g\$nam31\$sp0t**

5. Have a unique password for each separate account.
6. Refrain from clicking on unfamiliar links files, posts or tweets. If it looks suspicious, delete it.
7. Keep your personal information personal. Do not publish sensitive information online. Identity thieves are waiting to use your information against you.
8. If possible, do not use your **debit** card for online purchases. Use a **credit** card.

## ONLINE RESOURCES

Los Angeles County  
Sheriff's Department  
<http://www.lasd.org>

Los Angeles County  
District Attorney's Office  
<http://da.co.la.ca.us/>

Los Angeles County Department of Children  
and Family Services  
<http://dcfs.co.la.ca.us/>

D.A.R.E  
Teaching Students Decision Making  
for a Safe and Healthy Living  
<https://www.dare.org>

United States Computer Emergency  
Rediness Team  
<https://www.us-cert.gov/>

Kid Power  
<http://www.kidpower.org>

You can always call 911 in the event of an emergency. If you wish to report a non-emergent crime involving the Internet please call your local law enforcement agency or the LASD Fraud & Cyber Crimes Bureau at (562) 374-2601