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Join us for the AbbyPD Summer Online Safety Series!

Our Online Safety Series for Parents is hosted by AbbyPD's PATHWAYS program and The White Hatter. These virtual presentations are aimed at helping parents better understand the enabling power of technology and mobile communications, and how to mitigate the sometimes-unintended consequences of high risk or undesirable online behaviour.

We encourage parents of children of all ages to be aware of, and know how to mitigate, the risks faced by our children as they grow up in this technological world.

Register online for the AbbyPD Online Safety Presentations for Parents (Virtual Presentations):

Thursday, June 10th from 7-9pm *Social Media Safety & Digital Literacy for Parents.* This webinar serves as a 101 introduction on the many different subjects for families staying safe and private online. We address the immediate concerns and solutions caregivers can implement to raise digitally literate adults. <https://bit.ly/3oxnz4f>

Wednesday, June 16th from 7-8:30pm *Online Predation and Exploitation: What is the threat and what can parents do to reduce the risks.* This presentation is for parents and caregivers. Kids are spending more time online to stay entertained and to stay connected with teachers, friends and extended family. Given this fact, law enforcement is now seeing a spike specific to online sexual predation and exploitation, especially with pre-teens and younger teens who are now online in greater numbers. This webinar will provide parents, and other caregivers, with information specific to understanding what the threat is, and what can they do to help reduce the risks with their kids. Our presenter brings over 30 years of law enforcement and online investigational experience to this webinar. <https://bit.ly/3bl4xTw>



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Wednesday, June 23rd from 7-8:30pm *Sexting, Nudes, and Intimate Images: What is the problem, what does the law say, and what do parents need to know.*

Prior to the internet, intimate images were shared between teens via the use of polaroid pictures. Today, the cellphone, and its ability to send pictures and videos instantaneously, has become the norm in how teens will share what they call “nudes.” This behaviour comes with challenges for teens, parents, caregivers, law enforcement, schools, and communities. This presentation will provide on this subject academic peer reviewed research, Canadian case law, and investigative experience. The goal is to understand consent, choices, consequences, and explore options teens have specific actions to reduce legal liability and reduce harm emotionally, psychologically, physically or socially specific to these challenges. <https://bit.ly/3yu9F7g>

Wednesday, June 30th from 7-8:30pm *Online Gaming: Facts, fiction, and mental wellness and what parents need to know.* Gaming is a massive industry that for many young people is their primary mode of entertainment and hobby. However, this activity is not without problems that can lead to challenges in having a balanced lifestyle. Harnessing gaming in a safe and effective way can provide many opportunities for gamers of all ages. This session, The White Hatter will help advise families to create healthy gameplay while delving into the research, stories, and firsthand examples of the positives and negatives in this industry. We will also examine the research surrounding the debate around addiction. <https://bit.ly/3ox4Zcu>

Wednesday, July 7th from 7-8:30pm *The Dark and Dangerous Side of the Internet and Social Media: What parents need to know.* We love social media and how youth are using it in so many positive ways. However, we would be negligent if we did not acknowledge the fact that there is also concerning content that both parents and youth need to know about from an emotional, psychological, physical, social and cognitive standpoint. In this webinar, we will talk about the 4 categories of major concern that both parents and youth should be alive to, and how parents can talk about these concerns in an enlightening and not frightening way. Knowledge, and the understanding and application of that knowledge is power for both parents and youth, to help all make the online experience safer! <https://bit.ly/3v5zzw5>



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