



**JEFFERSON COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

# CHEEZO UNIT TECHNOLOGY SAFETY

## ABOUT US!

The CHEEZO (Child Sex Offender Internet Investigations Unit) was the first in Colorado, and one of the first in the United States, to proactively seek out online predators. We divide our time between online investigations and presenting safety and educational programs to parents and children in the community.

### PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Some adults use technology to contact and lure children for sexual purposes. If an adult is communicating with a child through technology and asks, attempts to ask, says, or does the following, they have committed a crime:

- Ask anyone under the age of eighteen (18) for their naked or partially naked picture.
- An adult sending their naked picture or picture of their private parts to anyone under the age of fifteen (15).
- An adult communicating with anyone under the age of fifteen (15) about meeting them for sex or sexual contact is a felony, even if a meeting does not occur.
- An adult meeting anyone under the age of fifteen (15) for sex.

There are many other things that can be illegal for an adult communicating with someone under the age of eighteen (18). If unsure we encourage you to contact law enforcement.

### WHAT TO DO?

If you suspect that your child is communicating with an adult through technology, even if it hasn't escalated to the points listed above, consider the following steps:

- Stop the communications immediately and take all technology away from the child until law enforcement is contacted.
- DO NOT CONTACT THE SUSPECT or allow them to know parents are aware of the communications.
- Note the location where the communications are taking place, such as social media, text messaging, apps, or gaming sites.
- Note the user name, email, or screen name of the person communicating with your child.
- Obtain passwords to the devices and accounts.
- Contact your local law enforcement.



### TECHNOLOGY TIPS

#### TO SHARE WITH YOUR CHILDREN

- Only talk to people you know FACE 2 FACE on technology.
- Once you post or send a photo in a message you lose control of the photo.
- Location Services should be turned off on everything, but weather and parental control apps.
- You should never meet someone in person that you met online without talking with a trusted adult first.
- Play the game, but do not give out your personal information.

### SEXTORTION

Many teenagers take sexually explicit or even nude pictures of themselves and send them to others either online or through text messaging. These photos become "sextortion" when they are used as a tool of exploitation or extortion.

### WHAT TO DO?

- Do not respond to the threats.
- Do not pay the person making the demands.
- Save the screenshots from the communications.
- Report to a trusted adult and law enforcement as soon as possible.

### RESOURCES

Visit our website to download a PDF of our Parent Booklet under Resources - [cheezo.org](http://cheezo.org)  
 Common Sense Media - [commonsensemedia.org](http://commonsensemedia.org)  
 Protect Young Eyes - [protectyoungeyes.com](http://protectyoungeyes.com)  
 National Center for Missing and Exploited Children - [missingkids.org](http://missingkids.org)  
 ConnectSafely - [safekids.com](http://safekids.com)



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