



**FACTS:** (Source: deliverfund.org) Approximately:

- ❖ 1:5 children who use the internet have been sexually solicited
- ❖ 1:4 have seen unwanted pornography
- ❖ 60% of teens have received an email or instant messaging from a

# The Chilling Facts

stranger; ½ of those reported that they have replied to messages from strangers

- ❖ 50% of human trafficking victims are children
- ❖ Chat rooms are one of the most dangerous areas on the internet. Predators hang out, posing as other children, as they begin to befriend and 'groom' your child for further exploitation.
- ❖ Predators use other social media apps and platforms as well.
- ❖ Human trafficking has been reported in all 72 counties in Wisconsin

## Help get rid of these chilling facts:

Parents:

- Empower your child to say "No" to unwanted requests for solicitations.
- Be intentional about online safety.
- Be their trusted adult. Keep communication: open, honest, and frequent.
- Establish boundaries. Develop a written plan/agreement.
- Utilize parental control software, limit screen time & have "tech free" times.
- Be vigilant! Regularly and actively check each device that is accessing the internet.
- Who is your child talking to online?
- Encourage your child: Asking for help is OK; everyone does it.
- Let your children know they can always come and tell you anything.

# Q & A



## Questions

### Am I....or... is my friend, being.....

...manipulated? Controlling or influencing a person or situation

...coerced? Persuading (an unwilling person) to do something by using force, threats or manipulation.

...forced? Making someone do something against their will.

...defrauded? Deceiving someone by claiming something as fact when it's not.

...exploited? Making use of a situation to gain unfair advantage for oneself.  
The action or fact of treating someone unfairly in order to benefit from their work or vulnerability. Are YOU vulnerable?

Sexual exploitation: Non-consensual sexual acts of abuse for the purpose of sexual gratification, financial gain or personal benefit.

## Answers

### *See Something.....Say Something!*

#### Talk to:

- Trusted adult
- School counselor
- Pastor
- Police officer
- National Trafficking Hotline

1-888-3737-888

#### Resources:

- NetSmartz.org
- protectyoungminds.org
- internetmatters.org
- culturereframed.org
- fierce freedom.org/videos