



THE INVESTIGATOR

The Code of Emoji's



A new and terrifying trend that has been adopted by both cyberbullies and predator's online and via text is the use of emoji's. While predators can use them as an easy way to connect with your child, [cyberbullies](#) will use them to insult and shame their victims without the fear of being caught. Both groups can use these cute little smiley faces and animal cartoons as a code to convey malicious messages that the majority of adults don't understand. To be able to spot this trend we have to know what we're looking for!

Here are a few examples of emojis that may have a sinister meaning:

- A frog may mean that the person receiving the emoji is "ugly"
- Scissors might send the message that "I am going to cut you"
- A man running followed by a bowling ball may mean "I am going to hit you"
- A skull next to an arrow pointing to fire may be telling the receiver to "die in a fire"
- Symbols preferred by predators like eggplants, bananas, cherries, peaches, and raindrops can have a sexual meaning
- Fox emoji followed by a face with a zipper across the mouth might mean "I want you to sneak out and don't tell your parents"
- Flowers may represent drugs
- Footprints may be code for beer

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What do I do?

Keeping lines of communication open is always a good start to getting to know what your child is up to on their phone and social media. Asking your child about emoji's and what they mean may give you a better understanding as to how your child interprets them. Does your child mind if you view their [social media](#) pages? Being able to view posts and comments made by others may allow you catch something more sinister than meets the eye. If you see a string of emoji's that you don't understand you can utilize the many emoji dictionaries available online. What are your children really saying, what are they really communicating to others, and more importantly, what are others trying to say to them?

If you're worried about predators and cyberbullies targeting your child, or if they have already, we can help! Check out our [website](#) to learn more or contact the office at 604-922-6572.

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