



## THE INVESTIGATOR



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### Social Media Safety

As we discussed in our previous newsletter, social media apps can be a huge source of fun for our kids but also hide lurking predators who abuse the anonymity of the internet. Talking to our kids about [online safety](#) at or before the age they start using online apps can provide the groundwork for preventing disturbing situations to arise. Also, the more we know as adults about the way the apps work and how to use privacy settings can allow us to feel a bit more at ease when they are online.

### Privacy Settings

Most [social media apps](#) like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat allow for privacy settings to be increased to allow for limited visibility of profiles, approving who can become a follower, blocking your location, and blocking messages from strangers. All these options would be available under the profile settings of the account you would like to limit. Most profiles will be open to public view until the settings are modified, so check to see what privacy options have been activated, if any, and activate those available.

### Protecting Your Information

Predators will utilize [publicly available information](#) when stalking a victim online to gather intel on where they live, what school they go to, who their friends are, and much more. It is important to educate our children on the importance limiting the information they share.

### Online Safety Tips for Kids

- Using a nickname as their profile name curbs the ability of predators to gather sensitive information about them.
- Make sure that they don't publish personal information like their location, email address, phone number or date of birth
- Make sure your child is very careful about what images and messages they post, even among trusted friends – once they are online, they can be shared widely and are extremely difficult to get removed
- Encourage them to talk to you if they come across anything they find offensive or upsetting



- Do not add people you don't know on social media accounts. Having friends and followers is fun but can be dangerous when they are strangers.
- Never send inappropriate pictures or engage in sexual conversations with peers or strangers.
- As a parent, keep a record of anything abusive or offensive they've received and report any trouble to the site management, RCMP if necessary, and or the school, especially if cyberbullying is involved.



Now this information isn't meant to scare you, as many children use social media apps without encountering a dangerous situation, but some do and there is no harm in being vigilant and prepared.



BCSI has investigated numerous cyber-crime cases involving [identity theft](#), [cyberbullying](#) and online defamation/stalking/luring etc. If you, your child or someone you know has been a victim of a cyber-crime, contact us for a free consultation with one of our experienced investigators at 604-922-6572 or via email at [info@picanada.ca](mailto:info@picanada.ca). Visit our website to learn more at [www.picanada.ca](http://www.picanada.ca).

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