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THE PRESOTT VALLEY PD IS URGING PARENTS TO MONITOR THEIR CHILDREN'S INTERNET ACTIVITY

As our state slowly reopens and our community begins to find its new normal, many families may have a predator that has crept into their homes unnoticed. With the closing of schools and other child advocate agencies, many children have had to rely on the internet for their education, social contact and entertainment. For many of these children, using the internet is a whole new experience. With the increased internet usage comes the increased risk of your child having contact with an online predator. These unknown, anonymous persons often pose as someone your child's age. They are very savvy at getting information from children and convincing them to engage in inappropriate and often risky behavior.

The Prescott Valley PD is encouraging parents to monitor their children's internet activity. It is okay to ask them questions about who they are contacting online, what their topics of discussion are and if anything, or anyone, has made them uncomfortable. Keeping the lines of communication open is the key to keeping your kids safe online. The Prescott Valley PD has internet safety packets available at the station for parents who would like more information about how to keep their kids safe online. In these unprecedented times, the Prescott Valley PD is seeking to partner with parents and give them the tools to effectively protect their children from those who would do them harm. Community Service Officers are available Monday to Friday from 08:00 am to 05:00 pm to answer questions regarding internet safety.

Prescott Valley Police Department can be contacted at (928) 772-9267 for non-emergencies, 911 for emergencies. You may also contact Yavapai Silent Witness at 1-800-932-3232.

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