

of our daily lives. It should also come as no surprise that children are discovering and learning how to use mobile devices, social media and other online tools at an early age and in greater numbers. It is critical that parents understand how often their children are online as well as the risks they will encounter, in order to protect them from potential dangers.

By now it is hardly a surprise that the Internet is woven into nearly every facet





Ages 6 to 9 years 50.3%

Ages 10 to 14 years

Ages 15 to 17 years

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50

CHILDREN CURRENTLY USING THE **INTERNET COMPARED TO 1984**

At Home (children ages 3 to 17)

76.5%

80

70

64.2%

60

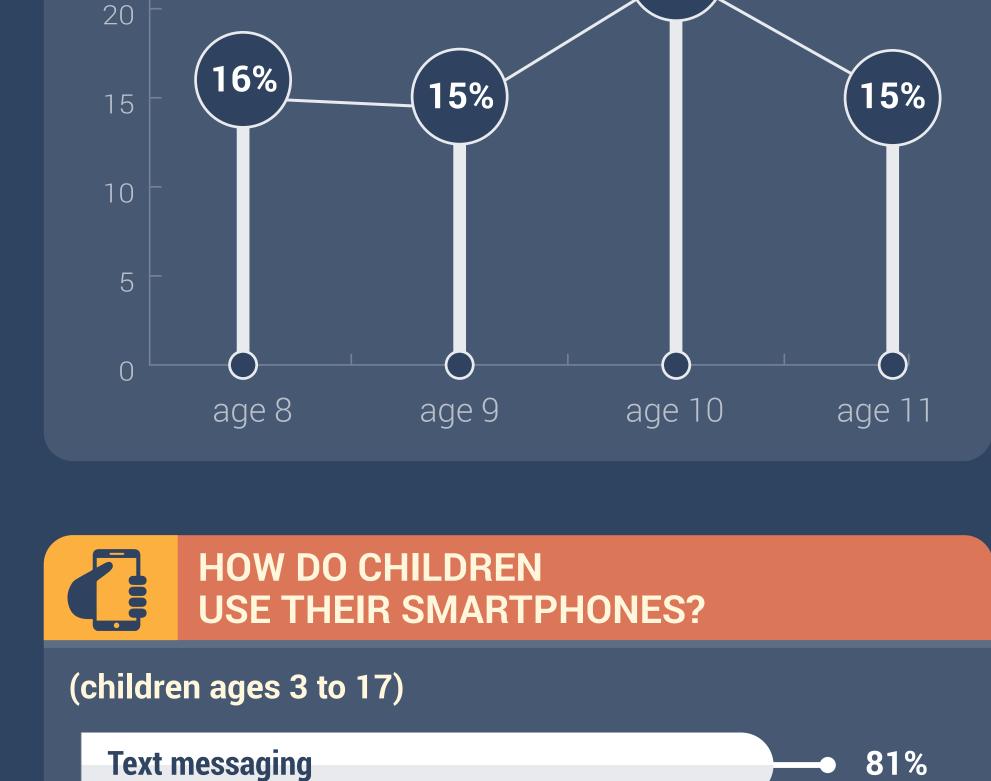


22%

59%

53%

53%



Playing pre-installed games **Mobile Internet Live video calling**

Downloading and using apps



The Danger of Child Identity Theft

Identity theft for children was 51 times higher than the rate for adults, according to a 2011 report by the Carnegie Mellon University's CyLab.

1 in 40 families had at least 1 child whose identity was compromised,

according to a 2012 survey by the Identity Theft Assistance Center

and the Javelin Strategy & Research.

The Federal Trade Commission states

that a child's Social Security number can

be used by thieves to apply for benefits,

credit accounts, loans or housing.



under 13.

number.

- ✓ Phishing Fake texts, emails and pop-up messages coercing people to share personal or financial information. Understand the Laws **Protecting Families**
- FERPA Family Educational Rights and **Privacy Act** Protection Act **Family Educational Rights Children's Online Privacy** and Privacy Act (FERPA) **Protection Rule (COPPA)** Gives parents rights regarding Limits the collection of personal data by operators of websites and their children's education records. online service focused on children
 - ✓ Be aware of warning signs, such as: Receiving bills or Receiving an IRS Being denied government calls from credit benefits because another notice that says your child has not collectors in your account is using your child's name. child's Social Security paid income taxes.

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Responsible Security Tips for Parents and their Kids

File an identity theft report with the FTC.

Keep your child's paper and electronic records safe.

Do not share your child's SSN with untrustworthy parties.

✓ Pay attention to school forms and notices being sent home.

✓ Find out if there is a credit report in your child's name when they

1 in 7 children have been sexually solicited online, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Alexandra, Virginia. **Exposure to Pornography**

Taking an Active Role in

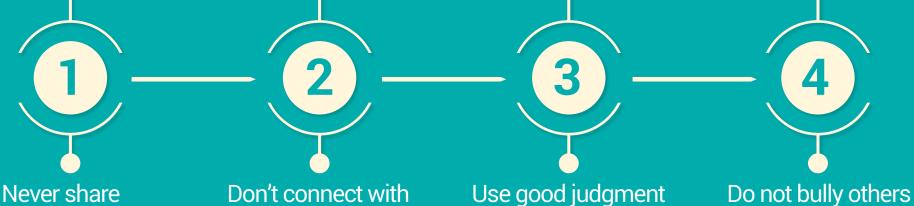
Protecting Your Children

✓ and cyberbullying Create a supportive, open and positive environment Block inappropriate material

Sexual Predators

Damaged Reputations and Embarrassment

Communicate about online dangers, predators



parents must take preventative measures to keep their

children safe. This requires taking an active role in



Keep computers in the common area Spend time with your children online Monitor their email and social media accounts **ESTABLISH STRICT ONLINE RULES, FOR EXAMPLE:**

you don't know.

- Use good judgment people whose identity when sharing photos online and do not stand and videos.
 - With all of the potential dangers children face online,

for bullying.



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- educating themselves and their family and setting examples for their children to follow.
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