INTERNET
SAFETY
FOR TEENS

Anything you put on the internet, NEVER goes away.

Every text, group chat, "like", "share" and photo you put on the internet is out there...FOREVER. Just because you delete something doesn't mean it is gone. Some sites archive information by design and there are some people out there who gather data (especially pictures) for illegal reasons.

Do not share personal information with strangers.

Social media is a fun way to meet new people and talk with our friends. You need to be very careful not to give out your real name, address, birthday or even the school you go to. It is also a good idea to keep the city you live in private. This information can be used for illegal activities.

Passwords and two factor security

Passwords are the keys to your digital life. DO NOT share passwords with anyone but your parents. If you change it, write it down so you don't forget. When offered, turn on two factor authentication for extra security. Use different passwords for evey site in case one password is compromised.

Viruses, Malware, Trojan Horses and Spyware

In many cases, you can have your personal information stolen without you even knowing it. Never click on a link or open an email from a source you aren't familiar with. If you think your device has spyware or a virus, take it to a professional repair service to get it removed properly.

Be cautious of public Wi-Fi

Public WiFi connections are "open networks." That means anyone can access it, often times without any type of password at all. These are popular ways for theives to steal both personal information and credit card access/passwords. Never send personal or bank information over public Wi-Fi.

For additional resources and info, go to: https://staysafe.org/teens/

IF YOU SEE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY CALL 310-675-4444