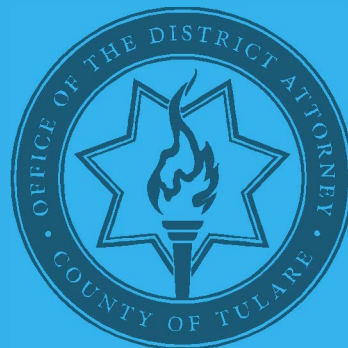




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What is Social Media?

“Social Media” refers to websites and applications such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest and YouTube that allow users to create and share content or to participate in social networking.

What is Social Networking?

“Social Networking” is the use of websites or other online technologies to communicate with people and share information and resources.

Safety Tips for Parents

- Talk to your child about internet safety and the dangers of social media. Visit <http://www.ncpc.org/topics/internet-safety/social-networking-safety> for more information on how to keep your kids safe.
- Be aware and supervise your child’s internet usage.
- Use privacy settings and keep the computer in a central location in your home.
- Monitor pictures and content your child posts online and remember to review the internet history.
- Consider using parental controls such as filters to help manage your child’s online access.

Did you know?

- Information that is posted online is never private. Once posted on social media it’s no longer under your control.
- Personal information that is commonly shared on social media may allow criminals to know your activity and movement both online and offline.
- Your computer’s webcam can be turned on remotely and used by criminals to spy on you without your consent.
- Identity theft can also be a significant risk of social networking. Personal details like your full name, names of your family members, your phone number, birthday, address, and place of employment can all be used by identity thieves.

Most Common Social Media Sites and Crimes

Social Media Sites

- Facebook
- Twitter
- LinkedIn
- Pinterest
- Google Plus +
- Tumblr
- Instagram
- Flickr
- Meetup
- Tagged
- Ask.fm
- YouTube

Social Media Crimes

- Scams
- Cyberbullying
- Stalking
- Robbery
- Identity Theft
- Defamation
- Harassment
- Child Exploitation

Social Media Safety Tips

- Limit the personal information that you share about yourself online.
- Keep your social media passwords private and change them often, so that your movement can’t be tracked.
- Turn off and disable location services.
- Keep computers with webcams out of personal spaces such as bedrooms and cover the lens when not in use.
- Install a firewall on your computer as well as anti-virus software.
- Log off when you are not actively using your account to prevent unauthorized access.
- Avoid accessing your personal accounts from public computers or through public WiFi spots.
- Beware of Phishing scams that send emails to sites that look legitimate but contain a link or file with malware/spyware.