

# Online Predators



## How do online predators behave?

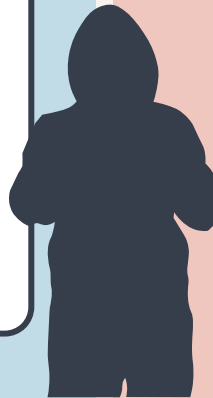
### On Social Media

- Appear to have similar interests
- Always active or posting
- Appear to be well off financially
- Have many or very few followers
- Interactive with your posts
- May retreat if they sense distance



### On Computer Games & Video Games

- Always active in waiting rooms/lobbies
- Send message or chat to you first
- Write to you in private chat rooms
- Relationship progresses quickly
- May retreat if they sense distance
- Appear to have similar interests
- Attempt to divert the conversation from game



## What is an online predator?

An online predator is someone that seeks contact with children and adolescents on the internet for abusive and exploitative purposes.

### 6 Warning Signs



Speaking negatively about friends or family



Quick eagerness to befriend you



Asking for pictures



Constantly asking questions or details about your personal life



Providing gifts



Avoid sharing information about themselves



## What is the Online Grooming Process?

"Grooming" is a series of manipulative behaviors that an abuser uses to gain access to a potential victim, coerce them to agree to the abuse, and reduce the risk of being caught.

1. Victim selection

2. Build trust and normalize secret keeping

3. Gain access and isolate the victim

4. Desensitization to inappropriate topics like sex

5. Attempt to normalize behavior to avoid raising suspicions



## How do predators trick people online?

### Catfishing



This is my photo. Do you want to meet up?

I'll send you a voice message so you believe it's really me. Then we can talk on a more personal level.

### Sextorsion

I took a screenshot of you changing clothes while we were on video chat. I will post it unless you do what I say.

I will send your private photos to everyone in our school if you don't pay me.

A.I. has the ability to generate photos with specific physical attributes, as well as voices for scamming purposes.

