



PARENTING TIPS

GROWING UP DIGITAL



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RECOGNIZING THE RISKS OF PHOTO SHARING ONLINE

In today's digital world, children frequently share photos online. As parents, it's crucial to guide them in understanding the varying levels of risk associated with this activity:



LOW RISK: Sharing images privately with trusted family and friends through secure platforms (e.g., private messaging apps, encrypted photo-sharing services). Ensure children verify privacy settings and share only with known individuals.



MODERATE RISK: Posting photos on social media, even with strict privacy settings. Friends might screenshot and redistribute images, metadata could reveal location details, and content may reach unintended audiences. Encourage children to consider, "Would I be comfortable if this photo became public?"



HIGH RISK: Sharing images that disclose personal information (such as home addresses, school names, or travel plans) or interacting with unfamiliar individuals online. Once shared, images can be altered, misused, or disseminated beyond control.



SEVERE RISK: Creating, sharing, or possessing explicit or obscene images, commonly referred to as "sexting." In Ohio, such actions involving minors are illegal and can lead to serious legal consequences.

Parent Tip: Engage in open discussions with your child about the implications of sharing explicit content. Emphasize that producing, sharing, or even possessing such material is not only harmful but also illegal, carrying severe penalties. Encourage them to think critically and seek your guidance when faced with decisions about sharing sensitive content