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RED FLAG PHRASES, TRICKS, OR “SUGGESTIONS” ONLINE PREDATORS USE!

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How do you know when someone has bad intentions or is just being really friendly? Here are some signs that you can watch out for when talking to someone:

1. They want you to leave the comments section, or public thread, and talking on a private messaging app gives people a chance to learn more personal information about you or to talk to you knowing that they're safe from being "overheard."
2. They may ask if you're alone to send you content they wouldn't want your parents or other people seeing. They may also want you alone to get you to share more pictures or information. If someone you don't know is specifically seeking out ways to talk to you in private, be extra careful. It's okay to end a conversation or block a user that makes you feel uncomfortable.
3. There are some pictures that seem harmless to share with someone you trust, but once you share a photo with someone, you can't always control who else they share it with. Pictures might also communicate more information than you intend to—for example, a photo of you and your friends at your volleyball tournament can tell someone where you go to school.
4. We all enjoy having someone offer a listening ear. While it can be helpful for you to talk about what you're going through, it also gives the other person a chance to learn about your thoughts and private life. It's possible that the person is asking personal, seemingly caring questions to find out ways to take advantage.
5. Not only does giving someone your phone number create an opportunity for them to build more trust and a false sense of intimacy, a phone number also reveals your location, and oftentimes, your home address.
6. Everyone enjoys hearing the words "I love you," but sometimes, people will use this to make it feel safe to do things that you might not otherwise do.
7. As someone learns more and more about you, they might threaten to reveal a private photo or tell your parents about something you've shared if you don't do what they ask. Even if you're afraid of what they might think, tell a parent, teacher, or another adult you trust right away if someone is trying to intimidate you. It's better to put a stop to threats right away than to hope that they'll stop after you do what they ask.

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If you need help:

- The National Human Trafficking Hotline in your cell phone: call 888-373-7888 (24 hours/day, 7 days/week, 365 days/year). www.humantraffickinghotline.org
- Text INFO or HELP to: BeFree 233733
- Call 911
- The National Runaway Switchboard: 1-800-RUNAWAY. www.1800RUNAWAY.org
- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC): 1-800-843-5678. www.missingkids.org
- Report suspected human trafficking to federal law enforcement by calling 1-866-347-2423.
- CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE 800-344-6000
- The following link provides a card with a brief list of common indicators of human trafficking, the difference between human smuggling and human trafficking, and a DHS reporting option: <https://www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/materials/indicator-card>

Nonprofit organizations that work to stop human trafficking day in and day out need your help. **Please consider donating to HuMannaTea For All™ at: <https://thecause.org/partners/humannatea-for-all/>**

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