

Alicia Kozakiewicz, at age 13, became the victim of an Internet luring and was abducted to another state where she was held captive. She is the founder of The Alicia Project, an internationally-acclaimed and highly sought-after motivational speaker, Internet safety expert, and actress who has devoted her life to raising awareness of missing persons and protecting children against predatory crime.

- **♦** Any child or teen can become the victim of an Internet predator.
- ◆ Teach your child or teen to never share private or identifying information with a person online that is not known or trusted in real life.
- ◆ Strengthen the privacy settings on all social networking sites and ensure that these settings remain unchanged after updates.
- ◆ Remind your child or teen to choose an online handle, username, or screen name carefully.
- ◆ Monitor your child's or teen's activity and know their passwords on the computer and on all mobile devices.
- ♦ If you suspect your child or teen is being cyberbullied: be supportive, get the facts, and if necessary, contact the school or law enforcement. Conversely, teach your child or teen that there are negative consequences for those who cyberbully.
- ◆ Educate yourself on the mobile applications that your child or teen is using. Ask for an explanation and a demonstration.
- ◆ Maintain loving, open, and respectful lines of communication with your child or teen while setting enforceable rules for online safety.
- ♦ If you feel that your child or teen is being groomed, harassed, threatened, or exploited online, you should immediately report this activity to your local law enforcement and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's Cybertipline.





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