

PARENT GUIDE

Steps to take when your child has been groomed

BELIEVE & LOVE

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They have been recruited and groomed!

Believe them and take it seriously. Reinforce your UNCONDITIONAL love for them. Remember, they did not “cause” this. They may have made bad choices, but they were manipulated and lured by a master manipulator.

SECURE, LOVE and STAY close to the child.

DO NOT DELETE

Everything is evidence!

Do NOT delete any texts, photos, call history or apps. They are all evidence.

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SECURE

Secure all electronic devices!

Perhaps give your child a temporary GABB phone. Make sure to change your WIFI passwords, home access or gate codes.

GATHER DETAILS

Create a TIMELINE with your child!

Working with your child, create a timeline of events on paper. Note all dates, times, names, phone numbers, apps, games, etc.

Report everything - leave nothing out.

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REPORT TO LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Take all your evidence and press charges!

Get a file or case number for follow-up. Ask law enforcement what their next steps will be. If your local law enforcement person does not take your situation seriously, or does not seem to have the technology to pursue tracking down the perpetrator, ask to speak to a supervisor. Allow law enforcement time to investigate.

If you still do not see that local law enforcement will pursue the situation, contact the **FBI and the CYBERTipline** via the links below.