



## **Tools Human Traffickers Use...**

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Kids are social media savvy; unfortunately so are human traffickers. Tragically, parents often are not. We must be aware that while social media provides our kids the ability to communicate with their friends, it can allow a trafficker to connect with our children. Establish clear rules. Monitor your child's usage. Be aware that traffickers use the following social media platforms:

Instagram	Facebook	Poke	Snapchat	Tinder
Tumblr	Whisper	YikYak	Kik Messenger	

### **GAMES**

Atari released Pac-Man in 1982. You knew who you were playing because they were holding the joystick beside you. Unfortunately, kids are not so fortunate today. With online gaming, the "kid" they are playing may be a human trafficker. With popular games like Fortnite and Minecraft and platforms like the X-Box and Playstation allowing online interactivity, gaming can be an opportunity for human traffickers to build relationships with our kids. Know who your child is playing. Discuss not sharing personal information. Monitor your kid's gaming experience.

### **CELL PHONES**

There was a time when responsible parents kept computers out of their child's bedroom so they could better monitor their child's internet usage. Today, kids carry them in their purses and pockets. We call them smart phones. Remind your kids to use them smartly. Monitor the apps on their phone and the who your child is calling and texting. It may save their lives.