

# Social Media and Internet Safety

Awareness for Parents and Guardians

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The internet is a tricky thing. With social media and video games, students benefit from meeting new people; additionally, there is an increased chance students are contacted by strangers who may not have the best intentions. Would your child know how to respond, if s/he received a message from a number they don't recognize, but someone who said they were FOAF?

What's a FOAF? Let's check your text message lingo. What do the following acronyms mean?

1. LMIRL
2. ?^
3. WTPP
4. RU/18
7. FOAF

Let's see how you did. The numbers below correspond to the numbers above.

1. *Let's Meet in Real Life*
2. *Want to Hook Up?*
3. *Want to Trade Pictures?*
4. *Are you over 18?*
5. *Friend of a Friend*

So how did you do with knowing these acronyms? If you're like me, you got less than half correct. If you'd like to learn more about acronyms and internet safety, LMIRL on January 8 @ 6:30pm in THS Commons.

One more acronym: 4YEO is For Your Eyes Only.