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Attorney General Urges Vigilance to Keep Children Safe on the Internet

HONOLULU – Internet activity by children and teenagers is anticipated to increase during this period of school shutdowns and social distancing. While the Internet can be an incredible tool for research, building online communities, entertainment, education, and much more, the Department of the Attorney General urges parents and legal guardians to correspondingly increase their focus on online safety.

“The current situation with COVID-19 presents many challenges, including massive disruptions to our children’s daily routines and school life,” said Attorney General Connors. “I urge the whole community to be vigilant about how our children are accessing the Internet and who they are interacting with online.”

Parents should ensure their children’s safety from Internet predators by talking to them about how they are spending their time on the Internet, explaining the dangers and setting parental controls on apps and systems to set boundaries that appropriately moderate their usage and increase safety. The Attorney General’s Internet Crimes Against Children unit has a webpage with information and links to help parents keep their children safe from predators while on the Internet. <https://ag.hawaii.gov/hicac/>.

Additional helpful tips can be found at <https://ag.hawaii.gov/cpja/ccp/internetsafety/>.

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