Information for Kids and Teens

AM I VICTIM OF ONLINE GROOMING?

Grooming involves someone taking actions in an attempt to become your friend and make an emotional connection with you. They most likely will appear to be a trusting friend or caring adult. They may be someone you do or don't know offline.

ARE YOU EXPERIENCING...

- · Ask you not to tell your parents or guardians about your friendship
- Ask you not to share what you chat about online with your parents or guardians
- Requests that you create a new account (unknown to your parents) for private/ direct messaging
- · Wants you to spend less time with your friends
- Wants to discuss topics involving sex with you
- Wants to share images or videos involving sex with you
- Request inappropriate photos or videos of you
- Privately asks for personal information about you including: age, location, gender, clothing sizes
- Sends (or wants to send) you gifts or money
- Threatens to hurt or embarrass you, if you don't do what they want





