

# Digital Citizenship Tip of the Month

## Recognizing Scams and Risky Relationships

By the time they're in high school, many students feel confident that they know how to interact online, and they may let their guard down about the "stranger danger" lessons of the past. Still, teens are at risk for giving away personal information and being led into inappropriate online relationships with scammers or other unsavory adults. Online "romances" are particularly risky, so stay open for dialogue about these issues.

## Monitoring Your Digital Footprint

As students begin to think about applying to college, it's the perfect time to remind them that the internet is forever. As more admissions offices check into prospective students' social media accounts, it's more important than ever that your students carefully curate their online image. Encourage your students to check their privacy settings, remove unflattering or inappropriate photos, and think carefully about what they post before they hit that "send" button.



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