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## Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - Aug. 28, 2020



With millions of Florida students beginning another school year, many of them virtually, it is imperative that parents help protect kids from online predators. This week, I released simple tips and resources to help parents monitor students' online activity, block location tracking and begin a continuous conversation about safe virtual communications.

As a mother who has juggled parenting and a career throughout this pandemic, I know how challenging it can be to constantly monitor our children's online activity and trust they are safe when they are spending so much time online. That is why I am reaching out to parents with tips and resources to help them protect their children from threats online as many students begin virtual back-to-school—requiring more time in front of a computer screen than normal.

I have seen cases involving human traffickers targeting children through social media, online games or popular apps to build trust and try to meet in person.

As parents, we need to take steps now to prevent this tragedy from striking our families, such as:

- Limiting a child's online activity to common spaces;
- Being mindful about what they post on social media;
- Never allowing your child to share their location online; and
- Telling your child that if someone isn't your friend in real life, then they shouldn't be a friend online.

To access a printable resource with the above-mentioned tips to help parents better protect children from online predators, click [here](#).

By taking measures to protect our children from potential threats online, we are building a Stronger, Safer Florida.



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