

TIPS FOR TEENS IN TRANSITION



- Be honest and open with at least two people about what you are doing and whom you are communicating with.
- Block anyone who asks you to do things that make you feel uncomfortable over voice, text or messaging.
- Make sure your apps are not giving away your location to other users. Change the default location settings, especially on Twitter, Foursquare, and Flickr. Creeps use geolocation tools to find their prey.
- Never meet new people alone. Always make sure you are in a public place and whenever possible, bring a friend with you.
- Real job interviews happen in all kinds of places, but you should never be asked to go to someone's home alone. Even for a babysitting job, you should bring a friend or ask to meet the family in a public place.
- Keep your guard up in familiar places. The mall, a church, school after school programs are all places where predators hang around.
- Remove yourself from any uncomfortable situation. Trusted family members and friends should always respect your privacy.
- Guys are targets too. Be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Predators are the ones with the problem. It's not your fault, if they try to approach you. If they manage to hurt you, tell a trusted adult as soon as you can.

