







Child Online Protection


ONLINE GROOMING

 Child grooming is a form of sexual exploitation and involves the offender befriending and establishing an emotional connection and trust with a child for the purpose of sexual abuse.

 Be careful who you talk to online, as there are many ways that people will try to trick you into trusting them. Even if you like and trust someone you've met online, never share personal information with them. People are not always who they say they are, or who you think they are.

 Grooming can take many forms, and can happen on-line and offline, either by a stranger or someone that you as a parent or your child may know.

 Never agree to meet anyone in person who you met for the first time online. If someone asks you to meet up, speak to your parent, caregiver or any trusted adult. Some people may not be who they say they are.

 Don't befriend people you don't know or accept friend requests from strangers on social media. It is dangerous to allow strangers to access your information online. People might not be in the real life, what they pretend to be in the online world.

For more information on Child Online Protection contact LifeLine/ChildLine Namibia on the Toll Free number 116 or visit www.lifelinechildline.org.na.

