

S.W.A.T.
Safety While Accessing Technology

Cyber S.W.A.T. is an innovative program that promotes safety while accessing technology: helping teens stay safe and make better choices online.

More than 95% of American teens use smart phones, and 45% say they're online "almost constantly."

-Pew Research Center



Devices & Usage

Want in?

The Cyber S.W.A.T. program will be piloted in schools across the country during the 2019–2020 academic year. Contact us to find out how your school can host a Cyber S.W.A.T. pilot program.

Get started

CYBER SWAT

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Empowering

Why it matters

The online space has joined schools, neighborhoods, and homes as part of an integrated community ecosystem. Teens' conversations, their friendships—their lives—have moved online very rapidly over the last few years.

Just as they learn how to be safe in other situations, teens need to learn to navigate their online communities safely, making positive choices and avoiding unnecessary risks.

the Facts

Research shows that young people learn best when they're working with peers. Cyber S.W.A.T.'s innovative peer mentoring structure ensures that both the peer mentors and the students they interact with can learn to stay safe online—while making friends and strengthening community bonds.

How it works

School resource officers help Cyber S.W.A.T. peer mentors learn the principles of online safety. This close-knit group tackles tough conversations about bullying, online predators, and other online risks.

The peer mentors then reach out to other high school and middle school students, sharing what they've learned and presenting projects they have created to tell real stories about online safety and online risks.

