MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND COMBAT CENTER: BACK TO SCHOOL

Crime Prevention is an active program that combines public awareness & preventive measures to reduce crime.

The focus for the month of September is **Back to School Awareness**. As summer ends our children are returning to school, but in a new way, with a unique challenge for parents since the local school district mandated online learning and no in-person attendance. This is a new challenge for safety of children as they learn online and use different video chat services. The following are important considerations:

PARENTS

- * Use parental control on websites children are accessing to reduce the risk of exposure to online predators.
- * If video chat services are required, ensure safeguards are in place and school officials are keeping children protected.
- * Take an active role in your children's education and be adaptive to learn with them, especially since the educational platform is similar to homeschool requiring participation.
- * Teach children that school policies are important regardless of the educational platform.

STUDENTS

- * Do not bully your fellow students via social media, video chats, etc.
- * Report crimes or suspicious online behavior to your parents, school officials, or the police.
- * When using video chat services ensure you follow the rules and be respectful to your fellow students and teachers just as you would if you were attending in-person.
- * Do not access websites that seem suspicious or you know children should not view.

Your children's education and safety are crucial this year as we venture into uncharted territory. Keep your children safe, ensure you communicate with them, and enjoy a new school year!

For more crime prevention information contact the Physical Security/Crime Prevention office at 760-830-4561



