Help! What do I do if my child is in Trouble? **Digital Citizenship and the Law**

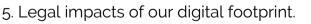
Over the past number of years more and more of the work of our School Resource officers (SRO) is connected to the negative impacts of social media, communication tools, and the misuse of these platforms. They respond to concerns from online harassment or threats to more serious offences involving weapons or sexual assault. In this episode we will be discussing ways that parents can support their children in making positive decisions with respect to social media and digital communication. There will be discussions about what students and parents can do if they are experiencing harassment or online bullying. We will also discuss the types of concerns that often come to the police. Topics will include: sharing of intimate images and the ramifications of doing so. How parents, students, school and police can work together to create safe spaces for all students. Our digital footprint and the impact that can have in our lives will also be discussed.

KEY ELEMENTS

1. If my child is being bullied or hurt online, how can I help my child? And, where do I go to help my child work through the situation?

2. What are some of the biggest challenges that are coming to police and to schools and is there anything that can be done about it?

3. What type of scenarios would require parents or school to inform the police of the situation? How do you go about making a report to the police? 4. What can parents do to support their children in being digitally safe and respectful?





BIO

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