

PROTECT *Every Child*

If you drive up to my house you will notice a security sign in the front yard, deadbolt locks on my entry doors, and a motion sensor that activates 2 floodlights in the driveway. These are just a few things my wife and I have added to our home to make sure our family is safe. We don't live in a high crime area nor do we anticipate our house to be burglarized, but break-ins happen every day and we want to make every precaution to make sure it doesn't happen to us. While most people take many of the same precautions my wife and I take with our physical house we often are very loose with the most vulnerable part of our home.

We live in a world that is connected online 24 hours a day 7 days a week. As parents, grandparents and people responsible for youth and children we have a responsibility to ensure we are doing all we can to make sure that being connected does not leave our children at risk. In a recent PEW research study,

93% of American teenagers are online each and every day. Teens today are connected with cell phones, mp3's, gaming devices, and other devices that are too numerous to name here. While technology and access can be a good thing it opens the door to our children's lives and often lives them unprotected.

So how do we protect our children online the way we protect them in our homes? The Protect Every Child organization founded by Mary Conyers is now a part of the Family Foundations Ministry of NC Baptist Men. Mary's passion and hard work has been the foundation of a new 4 part video and discussion guide to help parents, grandparents, and church leaders build walls of protection for our children and teens. In this series, you will be given tools on online awareness, Biblical foundations, information on access and the latest technology. North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper and his office were a big part of this resource which cuts to the heart of online protection.

For more information on how you and your church can obtain a copy of the new Protect Every Child resource please visit the Family Foundations page at www.ncmissions.org or contact Tom Beam, NC Baptist Men, 800.395.5102 ext. 5626 or team@ncbaptist.org. "Simply removing or ignoring technology does very little in the protection of your child because they will find access whether you allow it or not," Robert Stewart, Family Foundations State Coordinator.

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