

# Tioga County Sheriff's Office



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Tioga County Sheriff's Office has become aware of a new and concerning trend in social networking which has become popular among Middle School and High School age children. Children with cell phones and or computers can log onto internet sites which immediately and randomly connect them to strangers. Certain sites openly advertise and promote the fact that the users are anonymous strangers. In addition these sites offer phone apps, text and/or web cam options. Parents need be aware of the inherent dangers presented by strangers having unmonitored access via these sites. Predators take advantage of the anonymity of these sites to cultivate relationships with unsuspecting victims. Parents can check out these sites by simply going to the following web address <http://techshali.com/chat-with-strangers> where there is a list of internet sites along with what they offer. For more information contact Sr. Inv. Patrick Hogan at 607-687-1010.

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