Category: Safety
Level: High School (9-12)
Area of Focus: Who Are You Interacting with Online?
Materials Needed: Links below

Big Idea and The Why (what should students remember after the lesson?):
- Verify the identity of who you are talking to online through text messaging, e-mails, and different social media platforms.

Mini-Lesson/Content:
- Watch McGruff the Crime Dog Don’t Talk to Strangers
- Discuss how online stranger danger is similar or different to in-person stranger danger
- What information do we share online that we would never share in person?
- What is a red-flag feeling?
- How do we respond when we get red-flag feelings?
- How can online chatting lead to online disinhibition and hate speech?

Discuss or Create:
- Remake McGruff’s PSA but for online chatting
Further Resources/Extending:

- Chatting Safely Online
- Online Disinhibition and Cyberbullying
- Chatting and Red Flags
- How to Talk to Teens about Dealing with Online Predators
- How to Keep Your Children Safe Online