

# Protecting Kids and Teens Online

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More than **30 million**  
children use the  
Internet.

# Increases Everyday:

Personal Computers

Hand-held devices

Cell phones

Live- Xbox

Wii

**74%** of kids have Internet access in **3**  
or more places besides the home.

School

Friend's Home

Public Places

Cell Phone

# How Old Are Children Online?

- 23% are nursery school age
- 32% are kindergartners
- 80% are high school students

1 in 3 had an  
unwanted exposure  
to a sexually explicit  
photo

Approximately 1 in 7  
received a sexual  
solicitation online.

1 in 11 was  
threatened or  
harassed



1 in 25 received an  
aggressive sexual  
solicitation

# Signs Of Grooming

- Receiving gifts through the mail, like bus tickets, cell phones, and webcams
- Making calls to unknown numbers
- Turning away from friends and family in favor of spending time online
- Getting upset when he or she can't get online
- And minimizing the screen or turning off the monitor when you come into the room

Most people think that girls are  
the only  
victims of predators,  
but 25% of victims are  
boys.

Wolak, J., Finkelhor, D. & Mitchell, K.J. *Internetinitiated sex crimes against minors. Journal of Adolescent Health, 2004*

# Where Did This Sexual Solicitation Occur?

The computer was located:

- 70% at home
- 22% at someone else's home
- 4% at school
- 3% at the library

The Internet:

- 65% in chat rooms
- 24% in instant messages (AOL, Facebook)

Less than **10%** of sexual solicitation and only **3%** of unwanted exposure episodes were reported to authorities

Law-enforcement- Internet Service Provider Hotline

# Victim Characteristics

- Sometimes discovering or wondering about their own sexuality.
- Boys rarely report victimization.
- Girls are often “in love” with the offender.
- Looking for attention/affection outside the home
- **UNSUPERVISED** access to the computer

# Understanding the Internet

*And its dangers*

# The World Wide Web





# Websites

Some may ask for:

Names

Address

E-mail address

Personal information

# Websites

Kids need to remember....

Never give out information  
without checking with  
parents or guardians

# E-Mail

Parents need to remind kids to be careful when replying to E-mail from people they don't know. The sender may not be who he or she seems to be. By replying your child is verifying a valid e-mail address to the sender.

# E-Mail

**Never** send a photograph  
of yourself or any  
personal information to  
someone you don't  
know.

# Chatrooms

A chatroom is probably the most dangerous on the Internet

You never know who is in one,  
so never type anything that  
makes it easy to track you

 baby.cakes=)  
hey

 liverpool m uk  
older for younger, meet up - liverpool uk - pm me please   xx

 jasey18  
enter-exocet@hotmail.co.uk

 tall boy  
any girls want my msn..i got a k.am...message me

 15/m Hey :D  
Any girls want to rp?

 18 M > On WebCam  
ANY GIRLS WANT TO SEE ME ON WEBCAM?? IM HOT, BIG, AND UP FOR MOST THINGS... PM ME OR PRESS 123

 Sean  
any USA Slave girls for phone use?? Private me with asl now. Do it now

 ReportMe  
is there YOUNG GUYS under 17 from the UK with C AM and will sho there FACE ONLY nothing dirty! and will RECORD me on the PHONE while i talk dirty and get me in trouble with the POLICE for real YOU HAVE TO RING ME u dont even have to talk im 22male.

 Sean  
any USA Slave girls for phone use?? Private me with asl now. Do it now  
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Users Rooms

   

Show users in all rooms

Name
 upraticard
 uxbridgedude
 visitor
 x2 mcch Sexines...
 x_abercrombie_...
 xandre
 xdresser
 xosexyjessy93
 xXahhitsalyciaXx
 yorksha single lad
 Your Prince
 zman
 zuz
 ~+~Lilly~+~

Settings Logout



cali guy 17  
any younger girls wanna rp? pm me



princess3322  
14 to 16 hot guys P.M meeee



17 m usa for fun  
Any girls wanna do anything on msn,yahoo, or skype if so pm me for my addy i do have a c@m and im up for w/e! GIRLS ONLY!!!



i used to be cool now im a fool  
CHATROOMS ARE FOR LOSERS.



travis  
ANY GRLS UP FOR HELPING DADDY WITH A PROBLEM IF YOU CAN PM ME SAYING I CAN



Rawr.Girl.  
13.....boys UNDER 16...prive chat?



male18msn  
girls? wanna chat?



me.  
it is not like you're gonna have a relationship with anyone here



cool\_guy\_08  
anygirls wanna texas boy pres 54545454



emi&liz  
guys 13-16 pm us



gravedigger  
because theyre proud of their lameness

Users

Rooms



Show users in all rooms

Name

- joshi
- joshxx
- Julie B
- JULISSA
- just for yoU//
- Just woke up
- kati 13
- Kelly 21 f
- kelly curious
- kiz :D
- Koko
- KOTA~
- kristian

Settings

Logout

Send

**Users** **Rooms**

   

Show users in all rooms

Name	
 gay :)	
 Geo(m)	
 gerald	
 ginger tiger - SUR...	
 gravedigger	
 guy 4 girls	
 guy rp	
 guyy	
 GymCoach43Lov...	
 haley 16 f ohio....b...	
 hardaussieguy	
 HersheyKisses'	
 Hey Where's The ...	
 Highfiveguy	

**Settings** **Logout**

**Send**



# Chatrooms

A smart way to avoid being tracked is to choose a name that doesn't let people know if you're a guy or a girl.

# Chatrooms

Kids need to stay away from chatrooms that get into subjects associated with sex or individuals asking questions about sexual activity.

# Chatrooms

NEVER give out personal information and NEVER arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone you first “meet” in a chatroom.

*Even if you think you know what you are doing!*

## *Important Fact*

Nearly all children molested  
by Internet sexual  
predators willingly arrange  
a meeting.

# Instant Messaging

- Google
- Yahoo
- AOL
- FaceBook
- MySpace
- Meebo (connects the user to MySpace, FaceBook, Google, Yahoo, AOL)



# Instant Messaging

Remember, the danger is the person you are sending messages to may not be who they say they are.

# Cell Phones



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# Cell Phones

- Access to the Internet often without parental supervision.
- Share and post digital photos.
- Send and receive text messages.

**Same as a computer!**



# Cell Phones

## REMEMBER

Most cell phones have  
both still and video  
cameras.

# Cell Phones

SEXTING

An issue of real concern...

# SEXTING

**Sexting** is the act of sending sexually explicit messages or photographs, primarily between mobile phones.

Some teenagers who have texted photographs of themselves, or of their friends or partners, **have been charged with distribution of child pornography, while those who have received the images have been charged with possession of child pornography.**

# SEXTING

January 29, 2010, 3 boys (age 14) were charged with Class C Felonies in **Lacey, Washington** for distributing a photo of a nude 14 year old to other people.

The 14 year old girl sent the picture to her 14 year old boyfriend, then they broke up...

# TIPS To Prevent Sexting

- Think about the consequences! (Legal, loss of opportunities, etc.)
- Never take images of yourself that you wouldn't want **EVERYONE** else to see.
- Before hitting send, remember you can't control where that image will travel.

# Tips To Prevent Sexting

- If your kid forwards a sexual picture of someone underage

Your kid, is responsible for this image as the original sender. He or she could face child pornography charges.

# Tips To Prevent Sexting

- Report any nude pictures received

Report it to a trusted adult, do not delete the message, get parents, guardians, teachers, and counselors involved immediately.

# Social Networking

For a child sex offender's purposes, social networking sites are the most effective tools ever invented.



# Social Networking

Who ELSE uses social networking?

- Colleges
- Universities
- Employers

# Protecting Children Online

**61%** of 13 to 17 year-olds have a personal profile on a site such as MySpace, Friendster, or Xanga.

**Half** of those also have a picture of themselves online.

# Protecting Children Online

Older teens (16-17 years) and girls especially use Internet for social interaction, meeting friends and networking.

Parents Need To Get  
Involved In Protecting  
Their Kids Online

# Parent Involvement

**42%** of parents do not review the content of what their teenager(s) read and/or type in chatrooms or via instant messaging.

# Parent Involvement

95% of parents/guardians could not identify common chatroom LINGO that teenagers use to warm people they are chatting with that their parents are watching.

# POP QUIZ!

- A/S/L? → Age Sex Location?
- P911! → My parents are coming!
- PA → Parent alert
- PAL → Parents are listening
- PAN → Parents are nearby
- PAW → Parents are watching
- PIR → Parent in room
- POS → Parent over shoulder

# POP QUIZ!

- WTGP? → want to go private?
- LMIRL → Let's meet in real life.

<http://www.missingkids.com/adccouncil/pdf/lingo/onlinelingo.pdf>



# Parent Involvement

- 11 million kids go online daily
- Don't try to prevent your kids from using the internet → Get Educated, get involved!
- Don't be Internet Illiterate!

# Online Relationships

Girls ages 14-17 were twice as likely as girls age 10-13 to form close online relationships, making it easy for a predator to meet a teen girl online.

# Predator Tactics

- Troll websites, discussion boards, social network sites.
- Video game sites, X-box Live, Wii
- IM, Private chat logs
- E-Mail
- Webcams
- Phone

# Predator Tactics

- Predators compile information about targets:
  - Conversation starters: Interests, Hobbies, Age, School, Insecurities
  - How to find the child: Last name, Hangouts, Routine, License Plates

# Predator Tactics

- Gain trust by offering support
- Ask for pictures; sending pictures
- Move to the use of webcams
- Groom with Sexually Explicit Talk, Pornography
- Arrange a meeting, or more rarely, stalk the child

# Physical Danger

The most serious risk you can face involves the possibility of someone using information posted about a child (or information about where the child goes online) to find them.



Alexis [redacted]

+1 Add as Friend

Wall

Info

Photos



People who aren't friends with Alexis see only some of her profile information. If you know Alexis personally, send her a message or add her as a friend.

View Photos of Alexis (2)

Send Alexis a Message

Poke Alexis

About Me

Basic Info

Sex: Female

Birthday: July 8

Siblings: Dakota [redacted]

Interested In: Men

Looking For: Friendship

Current City: [redacted], Idaho

Hometown: [redacted], Idaho

CITY

SCHOOL

Hey!!!! I am soooo busy with sports and school. Karate and volleyball has been fun!!!! My best friends are Alex [redacted], Jordan [redacted], Able, Hayden, Catriona, Alex #2, Hannah, Lane, Michel, and Callen!!!! See you soon!!!!  
Text me!  
(Ninja:)

Information

Birthday:

July 8

Current City:

[redacted], ID

Mutual Friends

Bio

Hey( i'm Alexis [redacted] and I attend the [redacted]. My life is basically friends and family. Thats just a little bit about me. Want to know more? [redacted] - [redacted]-4257, hoot me a text sometime (:

Education and Work

College

[redacted]

[redacted]

# Suggested Rules For Social Networks

- Require permission to open an account : No Secret Accounts!
- Require child to set profile to private: Makes it harder for strangers to access.
- Monitor your child's page for content: The web is not an appropriate or safe place for a diary; No identifying information.
- Monitor your child's "friends" sites.



# Physical Danger

The number of teens who are molested, abducted, or leave home as a result of contacts made on the Internet are relatively low, but when it happens, the results can be tragic.

# Cyberbullying

- Spreading rumors and gossip
- Posting inappropriate pictures of someone without consent
- Stealing passwords to assume someone else's identity
- Threatening or harassing others with offensive language

# Signs Of Cyberbullying

A Victim May:

- Suddenly stops using the computer or cell phone
- Acts nervous when receiving an e-mail, IM, or text
- Seems uneasy about going to school
- Or withdraws from friends and family

# Cyberbullying

- Don't Respond
- Save the messages in case you need to report it
- Block or ban the bully
- Set up new accounts
- REPORT

If you feel like your child is in immediate danger,  
contact your local police.

What Should Parents Do?

# What Should Parents Do?

- Establish rules for the Internet use
  - What sites can a child visit
  - Who they can talk to online
  - How long they can be online

Keep the computer in a common  
room

# What Should Parents Do?

- COMMUNICATE!

Consider talking openly with your children about the danger of computer sex-offenders.

- Discuss the importance of telling you if something makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused while on-line.

# What Should Parents Do?

- Be informed: Prepare yourself before hand.
- Ask your kids to show you the places they go online...
- Know other access your child has including text messaging.



# What Should Parents Do?

- Utilize parent controls by service providers or blocking software. Learn when to use them.
- Be aware of that your child might be using a wireless laptop.
- Be aware they might be using friends computers.

# What Should Parents Do?

- Check E-mail addresses for appropriateness. (Both theirs and incoming).
- Always read a websites privacy policy and don't sign up for free things.
- Explain to your kids why they shouldn't give out personal information.

# What Should Parents Do?

- CHECK THEIR CELL PHONES.
- Explain why it is not smart to forward to everyone in the address book.
- Make sure kids only exchange email with people they know and only let them use chat areas you supervise.

# What Should Parents Do?

- Always maintain access to your child's on-line account.
- Find out the computer safeguards utilized by schools, libraries and friends homes.
- Keep Internet accounts in YOUR name.
- Check buddy lists.
- Know how to check history files.

# What Should Parents Do?

- NEVER allow children to upload or post pictures of themselves to people they do not know.
- NEVER allow children to have unsupervised access to a webcam.
- NEVER allow children to meet someone in person they have first met on-line.

# Helpful Software

- Child-safe search engines, browsers → Parental controls are often free with ISP's (MSN, AOL)
- Filtering and Blocking Software → Blocks inappropriate content, and filters adult content.
- Monitoring software → records sites visited, keystrokes or both (can even notify you what your kid is doing via text message to your cell phone!)
  - Kid Defender, Spector Pro 5.0.

# Signs A Child May Be At Risk

- Secretive about online activity
- Uses online accounts of others
- Erases internet history or manipulates the settings
- Circumvents parental controls
- Phone calls/IM's from unknown people
- Packages or gifts from unknown people
- Pornography on computer

# What Law Enforcement Needs Parents To Do If They Suspect Trouble

- If you **suspect** or **know** the following...
  - Your child has received child pornography
  - Your child has received sexually explicit images from an adult
  - Your child has been solicited for sex online
- **DO NOT DELETE ANYTHING**
- **LEAVE THE COMPUTER ON** (turn the monitor off if necessary)
- **DO NOT MAKE CONTACT WITH THE PERSON**



# REPORT IT!!

[WWW.CYBERTIPLINE.COM](http://WWW.CYBERTIPLINE.COM)

[WWW.NCMEC.ORG](http://WWW.NCMEC.ORG)