

The dangers of Internet for our kids

Predators - CyberBulling - Identity Theft

1) Definitions

- a) **Instant messaging** – Instant messaging is text that is typed and transmitted to another party or parties with in seconds of typing. Examples: AIM or AOL instant messenger, Microsoft's Windows Messenger, ICQ and Yahoo IM.

- b) **BLOG** – Short for web log. It is an online journal.

- c) **Online Profile** – A profile is the storage of personal information. This could include pictures name address credit card info ect.

- d) **Myspace** – A free online community that uses the internet for online communications through an interactive network of photos, weblogs (BLOGS), user profiles, email, web forums and groups. MySpace went from 4.9 million in 2005 to currently over 67 million.

- e) **CyberBullying** – Cyber bullying is the use of technology to degrade or humiliate another person or group.

- f) **Identity Theft** – Identity theft occurs when somebody steals your name and other personal information for fraudulent purposes.

2) DOs and Don'ts

a) MySpace is public. What you post publicly could embarrass you now or later or expose you to danger. Don't post anything you would not want the world, your boss, or your parents to know. Phone numbers, IM screen names, whereabouts.

i) Police have taken action on bad posts

ii) Schools are looking and taking action

iii) Some employers look at posts

b) DO NOT USE VALID OR LOCAL EMAIL ADDRESS

c) NEVER POST A PHONE NUMBER

d) Avoid posting anything that would make it easier for a stranger to find you or steal your ID. Where you will be, Photos, School, SSN, Mothers Maiden

e) Be selective about people you add as friends.

f) Do not meet people in person.

g) CYBER BULLYING

i) The general rule is to ignore at first

ii) If escalates **ACT. Three strikes then report.**
Any threat of physical harm. Any

unauthorized posting of personal information.

- iii) Report to website, a trusted adult, and or the authorities.

3) What can you do?

- a) Put computer in highly visible space
- b) No unsupervised webcams
- c) Know your kids passwords
- d) Log in with them / AS THEM
- e) Help make their site safe and check it often
- f) Know all of their myspace friends or IM buddies
- g) Use keystroke loggers
- h) Use internet filters
- i) Post rules next to their computer
- j) Search the Internet for your child's information / email
- k) Don't freak out if your child tells you something. You want them to not be afraid to come to you.
- l) Educate and communicate

Important information

- **Internet Safety**

Pinnacle Computer Services
868-4003 or 1-866-4003
pinnacle@houma.com
<http://www.pinnaclecomputerservice.com>

Education

<http://www.Netsmartz.org>
<http://www.SafeTeens.com>

Complaints

<http://www.cybertipline.com>
<http://www.ic3.gov>

- **ID Theft**

<http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/>

STATISTICS

Parents' Internet Monitoring Study

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A survey commissioned by Cox Communications and NCMEC¹ found that

- Over half (51%) of parents either do not have or do not know if they have software on their computer(s) that monitors where their teenager(s) go online and with whom they interact.
- 42% of parents do not review the content of what their teenager(s) read and/or type in chat rooms or via instant messaging.
- Teenagers who Instant Message use chat lingo to communicate and parents don't know the meanings of some of the most commonly used phrases. 57% don't know LOL (Laughing Out Loud), 68% don't know BRB (Be Right Back), and 92% don't know A/S/L (Age/Sex/Location).
- 95% of parents couldn't identify common chat room lingo that teenagers use to warn people they're chatting with that their parents are watching. Those phrases are POS (Parent Over Shoulder) and P911 (Parent Alert).
- Nearly three out of 10 (28%) of parents don't know or are not sure if their teens talk to strangers online.
- 30% of parents allow their teenagers to use the computer in private areas of the house such as a bedroom or a home office. Parents say they are more vigilant about where their teen(s) go online if the computer is in a public area of the household.
- 58% of parents surveyed say they review the content of what their teenager(s) read and/or type in chat rooms or via Instant Messaging; 42% do not.

Online Victimization: A Report on the Nation's Youth

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This report is based on interviews with a nationally representative sample of 1,501 youth ages 10 to 17 who use the Internet regularly² and found that

- Approximately one in five received a sexual solicitation or approach over the Internet in the last year.
- One in thirty-three received an aggressive sexual solicitation — a solicitor who asked to meet them somewhere; called them on the telephone; sent them regular mail, money, or gifts.
- One in four had an unwanted exposure to pictures of naked people or people having sex in the last year.
- One in seventeen was threatened or harassed.
- Approximately one quarter of young people who reported these incidents were distressed by them.
- Less than 10 percent of sexual solicitations and only 3 percent of unwanted exposure episodes were reported to authorities such as a law-enforcement agency, an Internet Service Provider, or a hotline.
- About one quarter of the youth who encountered a sexual solicitation or approach told a parent. Almost 40 percent of those reporting an unwanted exposure to sexual material told a parent.
- Only 17 percent of youth and approximately 10 percent of parents could name a specific authority, such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, CyberTipline, or an Internet Service Provider, to which they could make a report, although more said they had "heard of" such places.
- In households with home Internet access, one third of parents said they had filtering or blocking software on their computer at the time they were interviewed.³

Escaping or Connecting? Characteristics of youth who form close online relationships

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This report used the data from the above-mentioned national sample of Internet users, ages 10 to 17, to explore the

characteristics of youth who had formed close relationships with people they first met online⁴ and found that

- Fourteen percent of youth reported close online friendships and 2 percent reported online romances. Girls were slightly more likely than boys to have close online relationships with 16 and 12 percent, respectively.⁵
- Girls aged 14 to 17 were about twice as likely as girls who were 10 to 13 to form close online relationships.⁶
- The two problem characteristics associated with close online relationships were high parent-child conflict and being highly troubled. The girls with high levels of parent-child conflict reported yelling, nagging, and taking away privileges by parents at a higher level than the other girls. The highly troubled girls had levels of depression, victimization, and troubling life events at a higher level than the other girls in the sample. Girls in either of these categories were more than twice as likely as the other girls in the sample to have formed close online relationships.⁷
- Boys who had low communication with their parents, and who also reported that their parents were less likely to know where they were and who they were with than the other boys in the sample were the most strongly associated with close online relationships.⁸
- Girls and boys who reported high levels of Internet use and home Internet access were more likely to report close online relationships.⁹
- Youth with problems were more likely to have formed online romantic relationships, been asked by online friends for face-to-face meetings, and attended face-to-face meetings with people they first met online.¹⁰
- Youth who communicate well with their friends and family have people to talk with about online encounters; can get advice about behavior they find weird or unnerving; and, therefore, develop a sense of appropriate and inappropriate online behavior. Youth with problems may be less likely to get good advice and feedback.¹¹

Instant Messenger Jargon

IM Jargon

poof has left the chat

20 Location

73 Best Regards

88 Love and Kisses

100 Nature Calls/Pit Stop

404 I have no clue (what you get when you enter a wrong URL)

12345 Talk About School

A/S/L? Age/Sex/Location?

ADN Any Day Now

AFAIK As Far As I Know

AFK Away From Keyboard

ASAP As Soon As Possible

B4N Bye For Now

BAS Big A** Smile

BBL Be Back Later

BBN Bye Bye Now

BBS Be Back Soon

BEG Big Evil Grin

BF Boyfriend

BIBO Beer In, Beer Out

BL Belly Laugh

BMGWL Busting My Gut With Laughter

BRB Be Right Back

BTDT Been There, Done That

BTW By The Way

BWL Bursting With Laughter

C&G Chuckle and Grin

CICO Coffee In, Coffee Out

CID Crying In Disgrace

CNP... Continued (in my) Next Post

CP Chat Post(a chat message)

CRBT Crying Real Big Tears

CSG Chuckle Snicker Grin

CU See You

CYA See You (Seeya)

CYAL8R See You Later (Seeyalata)

DLTBBB Don't Let The Bed Bugs Bite

DOM Dirty Old Man

DOS Dozing Off Soon

DTRT Do The Right Thing

DWB Don't Write Back

EG Evil Grin

EMSG Email Message

F2F Face To Face
FC Fingers Crossed
FTBOMH From The Bottom Of My Heart
FUBAR Fouled Up Beyond All Recognition
FYI For Your Information
FWIW For What It's Worth
GAL Get A Life
GF Girlfriend
GFN Gone For Now
GGP Gotta Go Pee
GL Good Luck
GMAB Give Me A Break
GMBO Giggling My Butt Off
GMTA Great Minds Think Alike
GTSY Glad To See You
H&K Hug and Kiss
HABU Have A Better 'Un
HAGN Have A Good Night
HAGU Have A Good 'Un
HAND Have A Nice Day
HHIS Hanging Head in Shame
HIG How's It Going
HT Hi There
HUB Head Up Butt
IAE In Any Event
IC I See
IGP I Gotta Pee
ILY I Love You
IMNSHO In My Not So Humble Opinion
IMO In My Opinion
IMCO In My Considered Opinion
IMHO In My Humble Opinion
IMS I'm Sorry
IOW In Other Words
IRL In Real Life
ITIGBS I Think I'm Gonna Be Sick
IWALU I Will Always Love You
J4G Just For Grins
JK Just Kidding
JMO Just My Opinion
JTLYK Just To Let You Know
KISS Keep It Simple, Stupid
KIT Keep In Touch
KOC Kiss On Cheek
KOL Kiss On Lips
KWIM Know What I Mean

L8R Later
L8R G8R Later 'Gator
LHM Lord Help Me
LHO Laughing Head Off
LHU Lord Help Us
LMAO Laughing My A\$\$ Off
LMSO Laughing My Socks Off
LOL Laugh Out Loud
LSHMBB Laughing So Hard My Belly is Bouncing
LSHMBH Laughing So Hard My Belly Hurts
LSHTTARDML Laughing So The Tears Are Running Down My Leg
LTNS Long Time No See
LTS Laughing To Self
LUWAMH Love You With All My Heart
LY Love Ya
LY4E Love You Forever
MTF More To Follow
NRN No Reply Necessary
NADT Not A Darn Thing
OIC Oh, I See
OL Old Lady (significant other)
OM Old Man (significant other)
OMG Oh My God
OTOH On The Other Hand
OTTOMH Off The Top of My Head
PAW Parents Are Watching
PDS Please Don't Shoot
PITA Pain In The A\$\$
PM Private Message
PMFJI Pardon Me For Jumping In
PML Pissing Myself Laughing
PMP Peed My Pants
POAHF Put On A Happy Face
POS Parent over shoulder
QSL Reply
QSO Conversation
QT Cutie
RL Real Life
ROFL Rolling On Floor Laughing
ROFLAPMP ROFL And Peeing My Pants
ROFLMAO ROFL My A** Off
ROFLMAOAY ROFLMAO At You
ROFLMAOPMP ROFLMAO Peeing My Pants
ROFLMAOWTIME ROFLMAO With Tears In My Eyes
ROFLUTS ROFL Unable to Speak
ROTFL Rolls On The Floor Laughing

RT Real Time
RTFM Read The F***** Manual!
SETE Smiling Ear To Ear
SHID Slaps Head In Disgust
SNERT Snot-Nosed Egotistical Rude Teenager
S^ S'UP - What's Up?
SNAFU Situation Normal; All Fouled UP
SO Significant Other
SOT Short Of Time
SOTMG Short Of Time Must Go
SUAKM Shut Up and Kiss Me
SWAK Sealed With A Kiss
SWAG Scientific Wild A** Guess
SWL Screaming with Laughter
SYS See You Soon
SYT Sweet Young Thing
TA Thanks Again
TCOY Take Care Of Yourself
TILII Tell It Like It Is
TNT Till Next Time
TNX Thanks
TOY Thinking Of You
TTFN Ta Ta For Now
TTYL Talk To You Later
TY Thank You
WAG Wild A** Guess
WAYD What Are You Doing
WB Welcome Back
WBS Write Back Soon
WEG Wicked Evil Grin
WTG Way To Go
WTH What/Who The Heck (or H**, or sub an 'F' for the 'H')
YBS You'll Be Sorry
YG Young Gentleman
YL Young Lady
YM Young Man
YW You're Welcome