

Outsmarting On-line Predators

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Some Surprising Stats

- 26% believe their parents would be concerned if they knew what they were doing on-line
- over half have given out personal information to people they met ONLY on-line
- 20% have met face-to-face with someone they first met online
- 10% of middle- and high-school students have met face-to-face with a stranger from the Internet who was not their own age

Real Life Headlines

- 35-year-old police constable indecently assaulted a 15-year-old girl he met through an Internet chat room just a few weeks before his marriage.
- A man currently serving a six-year term for molesting a teenager he met over the Internet issued a warning for anyone whose child spends time on the Internet, saying there are plenty of others still out there who are just like him.
- A 15-year-old female was raped at her home Wednesday night by an unidentified man whom she met on the Internet a few days prior to the attack. They met through an Internet chat room in which they communicated for two and a half years.

Real Life Headlines

- Teacher accused of having sex with 16-year-old he met in Internet chat room.
- Police hunting for schoolgirl Tammy Lane have traced a mystery Internet friend of hers called "Dawn" - and found it's a man of 30.
- A teenaged boy's body was found Aug. 18 in Diversey Harbor—and the father believes that a chat line was to blame.
- Police yesterday arrested a 71-year-old man they say used an Internet chat room to meet a 15-year-old girl, lure her to his home and assault her.

Real Life Headlines

- A 42-year-old housewife faces charges after authorities say she seduced a 14-year-old boy over the Internet and then met him for several sexual liaisons.
- A Sheffield Township man who has been classified as a sexual predator is facing charges of having sexual contact with a 15-year-old boy he met in an Internet chat room.
- Kingston man faces more charges for Internet luring, child pornography. He preyed on girls between the ages of nine and 15 by impersonating their friends and making them perform sexual acts in front of a webcam.


Real Life Headlines

- A man who was ordered last month to stand trial on a charge of sexually assaulting a teenage boy he lured over the Internet.
- Man advertised himself on MySpace.com as a "gay Toronto boy" who is a "sweet person" and easy to talk to, but police allege "Schnail" was an online sexual predator who traded child porn and convinced a 13-year-old girl to perform sex acts on her webcam.
- A 27-year-old pedophile posed as a teenager in a gay chat room to rape a 14-year-old boy.

Real Life Headlines

- A teenage girl has been left traumatized after being sexually assaulted by a boy she met in an Internet chat room.
- Police Thursday arrested a school employee accused of molesting a 15-year-old boy he met in an Internet chat room nine months ago.
- A man who allegedly lured a 16-year-old girl by posing as a counselor in a Christian chat room was arrested in his home Thursday after police said he picked her up in her hometown.
- Toronto man was robbed and held for more than 15 hours after going to meet a woman that he first contacted through an internet chat room.

Things we all know not to post on-line:

- full name
 - age
 - phone number
 - address
 - school name
 - names and locations of friends
 - activities, interests
 - schedules
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Okay or Not Okay to Say

- >> Best news. Snow day today. All the buses are cancelled and I get to spend the day at home.
- >> We were on our way home tonight and saw that huge pile up on highway 401. You should have seen the wrecks.
- >> Our basket ball team rocks. We won the regionals tonight 12 to 3. I got the most baskets.

Tips for Being Safe On-line

- 1. Be aware of what your on-line name / profile reveals**
- 2. Be aware of what your friends' pages say about you**
- 3. Be aware how predators can track you down**
- 4. Research social networking sites before signing up**
- 5. Google yourself often (name, nickname, phone number)**
- 6. Be wary of people you have met only on-line**
- 7. If someone on-line creeps you out, tell someone**
- 8. Watch out for your friends**

Cyberbullying

- Being a victim of cyberbullying is a common and painful experience.
- Who is a cyberbully?
 - Someone who pretends they are other people online to trick others
 - Someone who spreads lies and rumors about victims
 - Someone who tricks people into revealing personal information
 - Someone who sends or forwards mean text messages
 - Someone who posts pictures of victims without their consent

Cyberbullying

- When teens were asked why they think others cyberbully, 81 % said that cyberbullies think it's funny.
- Other Reasons Why Teens Cyberbully?
 - Don't think it's a big deal
 - Don't think about the consequences
 - Are encouraged by friends
 - Think everybody cyberbullies
 - Think they won't get caught



Cyberbullying

- Many youth experience a variety of emotions when they are cyberbullied.
 - Anger
 - Embarrassment
 - Fear
- These emotions can cause victims to react in ways such as:
 - Seeking revenge on the bully
 - Avoiding friends and activities
 - Cyberbullying others



Cyberbullying

- To prevent cyberbullying:
 - Refuse to pass along cyberbullying messages
 - Tell friends to stop cyberbullying
 - Block communication with cyberbullies
 - Report cyberbullying to a trusted adult
 - Speak with other students, as well as teachers and school administrators, to develop rules against cyberbullying

Delete cyberbullying. Don't write it. Don't forward it.

Cyberbullying

- Although cyberbullies may think they are anonymous, they can be found.
- If you are cyberbullied or harassed and need help, save all communication with the cyberbully and talk to a parent, teacher, police officer, or other adult you trust.
- Don't forget that even though you can't see a cyberbully or the bully's victim, cyberbullying causes real problems.

**If you wouldn't say it in person,
don't say it online.**

Where to go for Help

1. Kids Help Phone

www.kidshelpphone.ca

1-800-668-6868

- Counseling, information, advice, referrals.

2. Canadian Resource Centre for Victims of Crime

www.crcvc.ca

1-877-232-2610

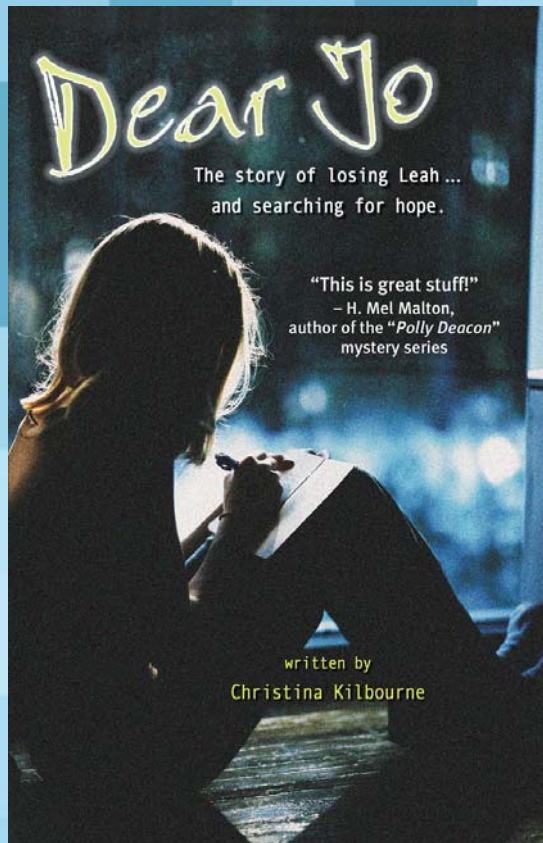
- Listings of organizations that offer victim support services for children in your area.

3. Cybertip Canada

www.cybertip.ca

- Canada's national tipline for reporting the online sexual exploitation of children.

Questions?



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