



INTERNET KEEP SAFE COALITION

Statistics: Kids Online are in Danger

- **99%** of teens use the Internet (Polly Klaas Foundation, 2006)
- **84%** rise in formal complaints from 2004-05 that predators enticed minors online or *traveled* to meet them in person (Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, 2005).
- **56%** of teens receive requests for personal information; **12%** of tweens (8-12) (Polly Klaas Foundation, 2006)
- **54%** frequently have private conversations with online strangers through instant messaging; **10%** of tweens (ibid.)
- **42%** said they have posted personal information online; **5%** of tweens (ibid.)
- **30%** reported that they have talked with a cyber-stranger about meeting in person; **4%** of tweens (ibid.)
- **27%** said they have talked with an online stranger about sex (ibid.)
- **16%** discovered that someone online was an adult pretending to be much younger (ibid.)
- **51%** of parents either do not have or do not know if they have software on their computer to monitor their teenagers' online navigation and interactions. (National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and Cox Communications Parental Internet Monitoring Survey, May 23, 2005)
- Internet pedophiles are increasingly adopting counter-intelligence techniques to protect themselves from being traced. (National Criminal Intelligence Service, August 21, 2003)
- **1 in 5** children (ages 10 to 17) receives a sexual solicitation or approach via the Internet in a one-year period. (The Kaiser Family Foundation: *Teens Online*, 2002)
- **1 in 33** children receives an aggressive online request resulting in face-to-face meetings, phone calls, money, sent mail or gifts. (National Center for Missing & Exploited Children: *Online Victimization: A Report on the Nation's Youth*, June 2000)
- More than **29%** of Internet-using children freely give out their home address, e-mail address and other personal information online when asked. (NOP Research Group, January 2002)
- **95%** of parents could not identify common chat room lingo phrases such as POS "Parents Over Shoulder" and P911 "Parent Alert," which are used to warn people with whom they are chatting their parents are watching. (National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and Cox Communications Parental Internet Monitoring Survey, May 23, 2005)
- **70%** of children have encountered pornography on the Web accidentally. (Kaiser Family Foundation, 2001)
- More than **80%** of children receive inappropriate spam on a daily basis. (Symantec Survey, June 9, 2003)
- **42%** of parents do not review the content of what their teenagers read and/or type in chat rooms or via instant messaging. (National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and Cox Communications Parental Internet Monitoring Survey, May 23, 2005)

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