

RESOURCES

For more information on Internet safety, check out these additional resources online:

- **National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC)** helps prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation, find missing children and assist victims and their families. The center's Web site has a wealth of information on Internet safety. www.missingkids.com
- **Internet Keep Safe Coalition** is a nationwide partnership of first spouses and governors, government agencies, nonprofit organizations and corporate sponsors that teaches basic rules of Internet safety to parents and children. www.ikeepSAFE.org
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA)**, key partners in the effort to combat Internet crimes against children, provides programs and services to help give young people a sense of competence, usefulness and belonging. www.bgca.org
- **NetSmartz**, developed by NCMEC and BGCA, is an online interactive resource for children, parents, guardians, educators and law enforcement. www.NetSmartz.org
- **U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention** operates the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces, comprising a nationwide law enforcement network led in Tennessee by the Knoxville Police Department. www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org



"The Internet is a window to the world for our children to learn and grow. Still, it needs to be properly policed, and kids need to be aware of the dangers."

– Governor Phil Bredesen
and First Lady Andrea Conte



Remember: Use the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's CyberTipline to report cases of child sexual exploitation, including child pornography, cyber-enticement and unsolicited obscene material sent to a child.

Reports can be made 24 hours a day,
seven days a week online at
www.cybertipline.com
or by calling (800) 843-5678.

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Protecting Our Children:
Talking To Kids About The Internet

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Law enforcement agencies are working hard to combat Internet crimes against children. Local police, sheriffs and prosecutors are coordinating with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), the State Attorney General's Office and other agencies to respond to cases of child pornography, cyber-enticement and other internet crimes.

Tennessee needs a coordinated statewide effort to raise public awareness of the Internet's potential risks and educate our kids about online safety. Parents, guardians and other adults caring for kids need to talk openly with young people about how they use the Internet.

Communicating with kids...identifying the risks... knowing how to respond. That's what **Delete Online Predators** is all about.

Now, more than ever, it's vital for parents and guardians to understand the Internet and be aware of their kids' online activities.

Understanding Kids and the Internet

Growing up has taken on a whole new meaning in the Internet age. These days, kids are just as likely to socialize online as they are to meet at the mall or go to the movies. So it's critical for parents, guardians and other adults caring for kids to understand the Internet, and stay informed of new technology and trends.

For instance: Did you know that more than half of teens have profiles on popular social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook? Meanwhile, approximately 30 percent of adults – some parents and guardians among them – aren't online at all. The disconnect is troubling. The statistics are disturbing.

Surveys indicate the Internet poses potential risks for youth online ages 10 to 17:

- **One in seven** has received a sexual solicitation or approach over the Internet.
- **One in three** has had unwanted exposure to sexual material – pictures of naked people or people having sex.
- **One in 25** has received an aggressive sexual solicitation – someone asking to meet somewhere, calling on the phone or sending offline mail, money or gifts.

Source: National Center for Missing & Exploited Children; Pew Internet & American Life Project.

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Six Tips for Online Safety

Every child should know the risks of using the Internet, and know that a parent or guardian is paying attention. Tear this card along the perforation and post these simple tips near your computer at home.

- 1 Keep computers in common areas.** Any computers, including laptops, should remain in the main living areas of a home – not in a child's bedroom. The less privacy, the better.
- 2 Take advantage of parental controls.** Many software providers and Internet service providers (ISPs) offer technology that helps block inappropriate sites.
- 3 Instruct your child never to share personal information online with people they don't know.** Details off limits include: full name, address, phone number, school name or photos. Also, make sure your child doesn't use screen names that reveal name, age or gender.
- 4 Understand social networking trends.** Popular sites such as MySpace and Facebook are popular with young people, but have become favorite hunting grounds for Internet predators. Explore privacy settings with your child.
- 5 Tell your child to never meet offline with someone they don't know.** Under no circumstances should a child meet in person with anyone they've met on the Internet.
- 6 Monitor your child's online activities and text messages.** Learn how to check your child's Web history. Maintain access to e-mail passwords to review online communication. Also, if your child has a cell phone or handheld device, monitor text messages and e-mails.

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