

# Cyber Safety Statistics: Parents if you don't know about the need to protect your kids online, keep reading...



- 95% of parents don't recognize the lingo kids use to let people know that their parents are watching
- 89% of sexual solicitations are made in either chat rooms or Instant Messages
- 20% of children age 10-17 have been solicited sexually online; that's 1 out of every 5 kids
- 75% of youth who received an online sexual solicitation did not tell a parent
- One third of kids have been contacted by a stranger and half of these were considered inappropriate
- 81% of parents of online youth say that kids aren't careful enough when giving out information about themselves online
- 76% of parents don't have rules about what their kids can do on the computer
- 65% of parents believe that kids do things online that they wouldn't want their parents to know about
- 4,000,000 children are posting content to the Web everyday
- 15,000,000 youth use Instant Messaging
- 9 out of 10 parents will never know that any inappropriate contact has occurred
- 14% have actually met face to face with a person they have met on the Internet
- 1 out of 17 kids have been harassed, threatened, or bullied
- Nearly three-quarters (73%) of online teens believe that someone their age is most likely to be approached by someone unknown to them online as opposed to offline
- When asked how they responded the last time they were contacted online by a complete stranger, just 3% of online teens said they told an adult or authority figure
- Most kids will not report inappropriate Internet contact to their parents because they are afraid of losing Internet privileges
- 61% of 13-17 yr olds have a personal profile on social networking sites
- 44% of online teens with profiles like Facebook and Myspace have been contacted by a stranger, compared with 16 percent of those without profiles.
- 71% have reported receiving messages from someone they do not know
- 45% have been asked for personal info from people they do not know
- 48% of 16-17 yr olds report that their parents know "very little" or "nothing" about their online activities
- MySpace deletes 25,000 profiles weekly of users who don't meet the site's 14-year-old minimum age requirement
- From 2007-2009 MySpace has deleted 90,000 accounts because they were created by registered sex offenders