

“TAKE AWAYS”

“Today computer telecommunications have become one of the most prevalent techniques used by sexual predators to share illegal photographic images of minors and to lure children into illicit sexual relationships. The Internet has dramatically increased the access of the preferential sex offenders to the population they seek to victimize and provides them greater access to a community of people who validate their sexual preferences.”

Testimony of Deputy Assistant of the FBI Keith L. Lourdeau

- 1. The two greatest misnomers in computing are PRIVACY & DELETE**
- 2. There are over 700,000 registered sex offenders in the US and over 100,000 are missing. With States initiating “residency restrictions” for sex offenders, this has resulted in some sex offenders living “on the street”.**
- 3. Provide younger adolescents with awareness and avoidance skills, while educating older youth about the pitfalls of relationships with adults and their criminal nature.**
- 4. There are over 100,000 sites that offer child pornography, with 20,000 new images posted weekly and 350,000 hits per day.**
- 5. Never post your real name on any social site – once seen your name can be “Googled” and information will be found about you from other postings on the internet.**
- 6. 89% of all solicitations occur in Chat Rooms.**
- 7. Parents must provide the same degree of oversight on their child’s internet usage as they would for any other activity in which their child is involved.**
- 8. 71% of teens receive messages online from someone they don’t know!**
- 9. 70% of teens accept “friend” requests from strangers.**
- 10. Even though predators remain a constant threat to students, their inability to foresee the long term negative implications of postings through electronic means is becoming an ever increasing problem for them.**
- 11. Know the difference between PERSONAL & PUBLIC information**
- 12. Once a photo escapes from the walled garden of a social network like Facebook, the chances of deleting it permanently fall even further. Google's caching system is remarkably efficient at archiving copies of web content, long after it's removed from the web.**
- 13. Geotag - a bit of data providing the longitude and latitude of where the photo was taken.**
- 14. 39% of teen boys and 36% of teen girls say they have had nude/semi-nude images originally meant to be private shared with them.**
- 15. If students decide to use the internet to meet people they will be at risk.**
- 16. The last place any troubled teen should turn to is YOUTUBE.**
- 17. One in five hiring managers utilizes the Web and social networks to screen new potential applicants. About one third of the applicants screened online were dropped from contention after inappropriate content was found on their profile**
- 18. Of 320 colleges surveyed, 1 in 10 are now checking *Social Networking* accounts when it comes to admissions and awarding scholarships.**
- 19. BEST WAY TO AVOID COLLEGE – get convicted of a cybercrime**

BULLYING

"The best thing that could come out of the mass attention to BULLY and other new anti-bullying efforts would be that parents, politicians and educators joined together and did far more than put up posters saying "No Bullies Allowed" or offer incomplete policies that don't really do the job." (Debra Chasnoff)

1. Once the academic year starts, the complicated social hierarchy of a campus gets reinvented.
2. To be a Bully or Cyberbullying is a personal decision of the student. Students must also realize that SILENCE, when others are being hurt, is not acceptable!
3. You are either a Bully, Being Bullied or a Bystander.
4. Never delete messages from a 'bully' you are deleting your evidence
5. Bullying is neither a harmless rite of passage nor an inevitable part of growing up.
6. School children who were victims of peer bullying, along with the bullies themselves, made more frequent visits to a school nurse's office.
7. That's so.. absurd, uncool, illogical, trivial.. and you choose RETARDED or GAY.. buy a dictionary
8. More females take part in cyberbullying than males.
9. Females prefer email and chat as a vehicle to conduct their bullying.
10. Males are more likely to make online threats and create websites to malign others.
11. Bullies are popular and have average or better-than-average self-esteem. They often take pride in their aggressive behavior and control over the people they bully.
12. We should not allow the passion of the moment dictate the law.
13. Teachers intervene in only 14% of classroom bullying episodes and in 4% percent of bullying incidents that happen outside the classroom
14. Being overweight increases the risk of being the target of bullying by 63%.
15. The LGBTQ issue, the one area that schools avoid.
16. Is it ok to bully as long as it conforms to your religious beliefs?
17. You can't legislate good manners.
18. Rarely will a student go to a parent. They fear they will be upset, and intervene like a "crazy person" and make things worse!
19. The difference between "rating", "telling", "snitching" and "reporting" is that with the former someone gets in trouble and with the latter someone is helped!
20. Teaching someone not to be a victim of peer abuse is as ridiculous as teaching someone not to be murdered or raped or assaulted.