

# Internet Safety @ Home

AN OVERVIEW OF THE WEB  
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# Purpose

- Inservice on Internet Safety
  - Dangers / Areas for concern
  - Examples
  - Strategies
- Questions and Answers

# Internet @ Home

- Ethernet / Cable / Dialup?
- Wireless
  - your child might be using it and you don't even know it
  - is it secured?

# What are students using it for?

- Instant Messaging (iChat, MSN, Google Talk...)
- Email (Google, Yahoo, Hotmail...)
- Surfing websites and creating webpages (Facebook, Myspace, Nexopia...)

# Social Networking

- What is Social Networking?

On line forum for people to post information about themselves (bios, photographs, stories), network with others of similar interests, and 'chat' about anything...and everything!

# Messaging

- iChat - the ease of use is surprising
- MSN - do you know who your children are talking to?
  - many predators use MSN to try and manipulate children
  - **EXAMPLES**

# Messaging

- Do not add a stranger to your contact list
- Never reply to instant messages sent by someone you do not know
- Avoid filling out profiles
- Verify that strangers have not been added to your child's contact list

# Email

- Students use and 'hand-out' their email addresses all the time. Do we always know how companies and organizations plan to use and distribute this data?
- Emails do not have to come from the indicated sender and the return addresses can be fictional.
  - TD Canada Hoax

# Email

- Never give out your real email on Websites  
- create a 'ghost' account that will only serve for online registration.
- Never open or reply to unsolicited emails
- If an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is

# Websites

- Data harvesting - personal information can easily be obtained - Neopets
- Many websites are designed to market products - Neopets
- Anyone can create a website
  - information can be misleading
  - info is not always truthful
  - sharing of personal information

# Facebook

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

- Targets college age young adults but has become very popular across age groups, particularly among teens.

# My Space

- Most popular among teens and young adults
- 70 million users

# Nexopia

- Alberta based site
- Attracts younger users
- Easy access to unregistered users

# You Tube

- Site for posting videos free of charge
- Once it is posted, you can't retract the content and others can download it easily

# Cyberbullying

- “Cyberbullying involves the use of information and communication technologies to support deliberate, repeated and hostile behaviour by an individual or group that is intended to harm others.” ~ Bill Belsey

# Cyber Bullying

## what does it look like?

e-mail

MSN

cell phone

instant messaging

social networking sites

blogs & defamatory websites

iChat

# Cyberbullying Advice

## For Parents:

- ✓ encourage your children to tell you if they are being bullied on line.
- ✓ save all related messages
- ✓ contact the school and/or the police

# How to Avoid Cyberbullying

- ★ Use 'netiquette
- ★ Never open messages from unknown senders
- ★ Do not send or respond to messages when  
angry
- ★ Encourage student 'bystanders' to report  
incidents

# How Can We Protect Our Children?

- Communication
- Location of computer in the house
- Gaining Access to the username and password
  - Sibling sabotage
- Monitoring
  - Browser Histories

# Questions

- How can we support you?