IMPORTANT FACTS

- Online predators will contact 77% of youths by the age of 14, and 22% of children ages 10 to 13 will be approached.
- One in five children who use computer chat rooms has been approached over the Internet by pedophiles.
- 75% of children willingly share personal information about themselves over the Internet in exchange for goods and services.
- 89% of sexual solicitations were made in either chat rooms or by instant messages.
- Only 25% of youth who received a sexual solicitation told a parent.

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STRATEGIES TO KEEP KIDS SAFE ON THE INTERNET

- Install computer monitoring or blocking software such as *Net Nanny, Net Nanny Chat Monitor, Net Nanny Ad Blocker, Spyagent, and NetVizor.*
- Set up a master account so that you can regulate how your child behaves on the computer.
- Place the computer in a family room, not in your child's room.
- Visually monitor child's activity on the Internet.

TEACH YOUR CHILD WHAT TO DO

- Never respond to a threatening or obscene message.
- If someone your child is talking to becomes threatening or obscene, your child should stop talking to them and tell you at once.
- Never chat with a stranger.
- Your child should never meet with someone he or she meets online.

SOMETHING TO REMEMBER

Even with the best blocking software and your guidance, your child may still find pornography, violence, hate speech, or drug content on the Internet. Talk to your child about how to deal with such material if and when they come across it.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Other helpful materials regarding Internet safety are available through:
- Book stores
- Internet providers
- Your local public library

IF YOUR CHILD BECOMES A VICTIM

Immediately contact:
- Your local law enforcement agency
- The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at www.missingkids.com or 1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)
- Your Internet provider