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A Cyber predator uses the Internet to hunt for victims to take advantage of in ANYway, including sexually, emotionally, psychologically or financially. Cyber predators know how to manipulate kids, creating trust and friendship where none should exist. Educators

Cybertipline

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children maintains the CyberTipline, a reporting mechanism for cases of child exploitation. Reports may be made online or by calling 1-800-843-5678. This site also provides manly links and resources to prevent predation.

*NetSmartz Real Life Stories

Scroll to the bottom of their site to find, "Julie's Journey, Amy's Choice and Tracking Teresa." Again, NetSmartz offers short video clip stories chronicling the choices of young girls who met face to face with someone they met online. There are accompanying lesson plans in the form of activity cards for both middle and high school. (grades 7-12)

Cybersmart.org

This comprehensive cybersafety curriculum includes a strand on "Safety and Security Online: Meeting People Online," with lessons for grades 4-12.

The Katie Canton Story

This very powerful video from WebWise Kids tells Katie Canton's story and is excellent to use in class with students. When she was 15, Katie met a 22 year old guy in a chatroom and fell in love. Only after playing the game MISSING with her family, did she come to realize that "John" was an online predator. He is now serving 20 years in prison, after Katie worked with the police and turned in evidence against him. Katie has become an articulate spokesperson for Web Wise Kids and she speaks at school assemblies to advise other kids. She lives in the San Francisco Bay Area.

NetLingo

Learn your "net lingo" - thousands of definitions that easily explain the Internet and the online world of business, technology, and communication.

Play It CyberSafe

Advice for teachers, parents and teens on staying safe - from the Business Software Alliance. Includes multi-lingual curriculum, resources and research articles.

Parents

*Internet Safety and Cyber Predator Awareness

Welcome to the State of Ohio's Attorney General's Internet Safety and Cyber Predator Awareness Site. Several different sections that make up this site are on Cyber Predators.

Help Delete Online Predators

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children line up tips for parents to use when talking with their children about online predators.

CyberPredator Communication Tools (.pdf)

I-Safe America's Guide to how predators use technology (chat, phone, email, instant messaging) to lure their victims.

Family Resources Web Site

Symantec's **Family Online Safety Guide** won the 2008 iParenting Media Award and is a free download, available in English and Spanish. Register for the free newsletter. You can also find Internet Safety Advocate, Marian Merritt's advice column for parents here.

A Safety Net for the Internet: Protecting Our Children

Juvenile Justice Journal article on protecting children from cyber predators.

Students

*CyberTipline's Know the Dangers

The way to stay safer is to understand the dangers and follow some simple rules to help you steer clear of trouble. Their *public service announcements* are powerful to watch.

Kinsa Comic Book: Web of Deception [pdf]

KINSA has partnered with Nelvana to create a 16-page cyber-safety comic featuring characters from YTV's hit show, Grossology. The original comic takes kids on an adventure into the underworld of crime (and slime!) while reinforcing KINSA's Surf Smart™ principles. The comic was distributed in POP! Magazine in spring 2008 to over 300,000 students in Canada, and is also available for download here.

Think You Know Who You Are Talking To? [PSA]

The Virtual Global Taskforce (VGT) is made up of police forces from around the world working together to fight online child abuse. Check out their PSA, "Think You Know Who You are Talking To?"

* Indicates this resource was shown in CTAP IV Cybersafety PowerPoint.