

## What To Do

Should any of the following situations arise in your household you should immediately contact your local or state law enforcement agency, the FBI or The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

1. Your child or anyone in the household has received child pornography;
2. Your child has been sexually solicited by someone who knows that your child is under 18 years of age;
3. Your child has received sexually explicit images from someone that knows your child is under the age of 18.

Note: If one of these scenarios occurs, keep the computer turned off in order to preserve any evidence for future law enforcement use. Unless directed to do so by the law enforcement agency, you should not attempt to copy any of the images and/or text found on the computer.



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<http://www.fbi.gov/stats-services/publications/parent-guide>

<http://www.ncpc.org/topics/internet-safety>

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## Parent Guide to Internet Safety



## Introduction to Online Safety

While online, computer exploration opens a world of possibilities for children, expanding their horizons and exposing them to different cultures and ways of life. They can be exposed to dangers as they hit the road the information highway. There are individuals who attempt to sexually exploit children through the use of online services and the internet.

Some of these individuals gradually seduce their targets through the use of attention, affection, kindness and even gifts. There are other individuals, however, who immediately engage in sexually explicit conversation with children. Some offenders primarily collect and trade child-pornographic images, while others seek face-to-face meetings with children via online contacts. It is important for parents to understand that children can be indirectly victimized through conversation, i.e. "chat," as well as the transfer of sexually explicit information and material. Parents and children should remember that a computer sex-offender can be any age or sex. The person does not fit any mold or stereotype.

Children, especially adolescents, are sometimes interested in or curious about sexuality and sexually explicit material. Because they may be curious, children sometimes use their online access to actively seek out such materials or individuals. Sex-offenders targeting children will use and exploit these characteristics.

## Signs Your Child Might Be At Risk

- If your child spends large amounts of time online, especially at night.
- If you find pornography on your child's computer, this may lead to exploration and willingness to try these acts.
- If your child receives phone calls from men or women you don't know, long distance numbers, or numbers you don't recognize.
- If your child receives mail, gifts or packages from someone you don't know.
- If your child turns the computer monitor off or quickly changes the screen on the monitor when you come into the room.
- If your child becomes withdrawn from the family.
- If your child is using an online account that belongs to someone else.

Children online are at the greatest risk during the evening hours. While offenders are online around the clock, most work during the day and spend their evenings online trying to locate and lure children.

## What Can You Do To Minimize The Chances Of An Online Exploiter Victimizing Your Child

- Communicate with your child about sexual victimization and potential online dangers.
- Spend time with your children online.
- Keep the computer in a common room in the house.
- Utilize parental controls provided by your service provider or blocking software.
- Always maintain access to your child's online account.
- Teach your child how to responsibly use online resources.

- Understand, even if your child was a willing participant in any form of sexual exploitation, that he or she is not at fault and is a victim.
- Never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone they met online.
- Never upload (post) pictures of them onto the internet or online service to people you do not personally know.
- Never give out identifying information such as their name, home address, school name, or telephone number.
- Never download pictures from an unknown source.
- Never respond to messages or bulletin board postings that are suggestive, obscene, belligerent, or harassing.
- Whatever they are told online may not be true.

## What Should You Do If Your Child Is Talking To A Online Predator

- Talking openly with your child about your suspicions.
- Use the Caller ID service to determine who is calling your child.
- Monitor your child's access to all types of live electronic communications. (i.e., chat rooms, instant messages, Internet Relay Chat, etc.), and monitor your child's e-mail

Instruct your children:

- To never arrange a face-to-face meeting with someone they met online.