Safety with Social Media; Our Your ARE at Risk

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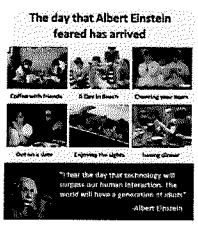
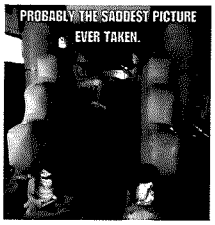
Technology and our future





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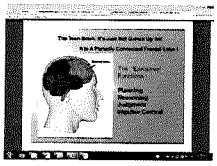
- Creates Anxiety
- Lowers Self Esteem
- Easier to be Cruel
- Health Issues



Social Networking

- Evils of Social Networking:
  - Luring and enticement of minors
  - Cyberbullying, cyberstalking and harassment
  - Convicted sex offenders frequent Social Networks
  - Underage users to set up accounts
  - Identity Theft
  - Copyright Violations

Not a Crime of Technology

- Never lose sight of the fact that these are violent crimes involving real children.
- These are NOT Victimless Crimes!
- The abuse suffered by these children will live within them every day of their lives and is repeated every time an image of their victimization is distributed.

The "Risks" of Technology

DENVER AND THE WEST

Officials: Teen girls likely recruited online to join Islamic State

By Carlos Illescas, Tom McGhee and Jesse Paul
The Denver Post

The "Risks" of Technology

More charges have been filed against a man from the Netherlands accused of stalking a local high school student.

Hendrikus Cornelis Descendre, 24, of the Netherlands, was charged in Fond du Lac County Circuit Court this week with two counts of identity theft causing harm, in addition to the stalking charge.

He remains in the Fond du Lac County Jail on a $50,000 cash bond.

On Feb. 10, a Fond du Lac woman contacted police to inform them a man showed up at her workplace to profess his love for her teenage daughter. The woman said her daughter, a Fond du Lac High School student, had ended an online dating relationship

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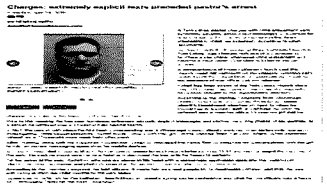
Lutheran Pastor



Why does Technology Appeal To Offenders

Technology Appeal to Offenders

- Expands the offender's opportunity for contact with children
- Opportunity to identify and locate potential victims anywhere in the world
- Opportunity for disguised identities when communicating with children
- The most popular category of sexual searches is "Youth"

Staggering Numbers

- 100,000 instances of Child Pornography reported on 1,194 separate social networks on the web
- 140 million images of child pornography have been submitted to Law Enforcement in the past 15 years
- In 2020 the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) Cyber Tip-line reported over 27.1 million reports:
  - Abuse
  - Sextortion
  - Sex Trafficking
  - Molestation
- 33% of the Internet is pornographic!

All information from the NCMEC

Staggering Numbers

- 3 Billion Internet Users….worldwide
- 9 Hours per day – kids consume some form of media
- 75% of young people are impacted by cyberbullying
- 750,000 – Estimated number of sexual predators on-line

craigslist

Trial Ad to gauge interest!

Bored!!! - w4m - 14 (Winneconne)

This post went up at approximately 1:00 pm on a Thursday afternoon

Within 30 minutes there were over **40** responses to the ad from individuals who live near our area…

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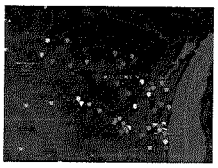
Child Pornography in Wisconsin



Grooming

Stage 1: Targeting a Victim

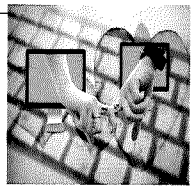
- Predators scour the internet for children who seem vulnerable and weak
- Prime victims will have…
  - Emotional neediness
  - Isolated tendencies
  - Low self confidence
  - Little to no parental guidance/oversight

What Is Personal Information? How kids put themselves at risk on-line?

- What really is personal information that puts us in danger?
  - Emotions
  - Feelings
    - "I'm sad"
    - "I'm angry at my parents"
    - "I don't feel well"

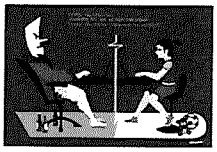
Stage 2: Gaining Victims Trust

- Predators want to gather as much information on a victim as they can to learn their tendencies, their likes and wants, and where the vulnerabilities are
  - Social media profiles give ample information about interests in movies, music, location information, etc.



Stage 3: Filling a Need

- Predators want to become idealized by buying gifts, giving a lot of compliments and personal attention to the victim



Stage 4: Isolating the Victim

- Getting the child alone allows the predator to cultivate a special relationship
  - Meeting at special events, babysitting, tutoring, mentoring, and coaching are all used to get this "alone time"

Stage 5: Sexualizing the Relationship

- After trust and dependence are gained predators can become more aggressive when it comes to sexualizing this new relationship
  - Predators want to shape the child's sexual preferences
  - Use sex and excitement to fuel the relationship and keep child interested
  - Child subsequently comes to see themselves as mature and special

Stage 6: Maintaining Control

- Predators keep children silent about the abuse by using…
  - Threats
  - Blame
  - Humiliation
  - Fear
  - Manipulation
  - Emotional Dependency

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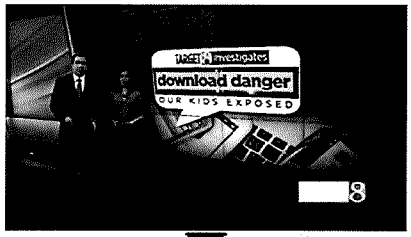
Our cases usually end with this type of control…

Different Platforms; Same Problems!



SEXTING

- It is not "Sexting" if the person is under the age of 18!
- IT'S CHILD PORNOGRAPHY!

Who is Sexting

Nude/Semi-Nude Pics of Self	Suggestive Messages
• 20% All Teens	• 39% All Teens
• 22% Teen Girls	• 37% Teen Girl
• 18% Teen Boys	• 40% Teen Boys
• 11% Tweens (13-16)	

Why do Teens Sext?

- Curiosity
- Peer Pressure
- To express love
- Obliviousness to the consequences
- Sexting is safer than sex
  - The actions of sexting will last a lifetime.

Information from Rychelle Lohmann Ph.D. Professional Counselor

WI "Sexting" Law

- **Wisconsin SS 948.12**
- Whoever possesses an undeveloped film, photographic negative, photograph, motion picture, videotape, or other recording of a child engaged in sexually explicit conduct.
  - Persons knows they possess the material
  - Person knows the character and content of the image is sexually explicit
  - Person knows or reasonably should know the child engaged in sexually explicit conduct has not attained the age of 18
  - Person exhibits or plays a recording of a child engaged in sexually explicit material

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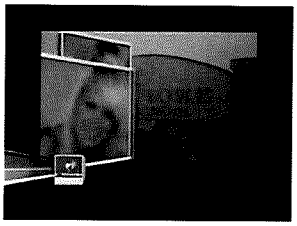


Consequences

- Human Resource personnel are scouring the internet during the hiring process.
- Colleges are now searching the social networking sites and the internet to see what is posted about prospective students.

Winnebago Area Teen Coalition for Health (WATCH)

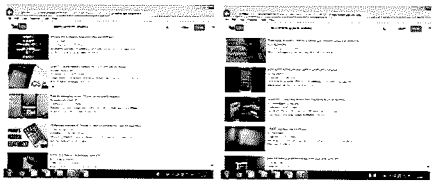
- Three Pillars
  - Suicide Prevention
  - Safe Driving
  - Social Media
- Social Media Team
  - Law Enforcement
  - Public Private School Districts
  - Juvenile Intake CPS
  - DA
  - Reach Counseling

What We Don't Know

Think you know what apps your kids have….

THINK AGAIN!

How to Hide Apps



What Can We Do?

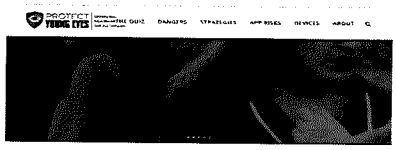
Monitor On-Line Behavior

Check the Apps!

Tips for Parents

- **COMMUNICATION!!**
  - **LEAD BY EXAMPLE!**
  - Know daily habits
  - Know friends online/offline
  - Check in with them you
  - Be involved in their activities
  - Be computer literate yourself!
  - Have the ***"TALK"***
  - Have a policy for meeting offline for older teens
  - Teach child warning signs
  - Grooming
  - Call police for any inappropriate contact or behaviors

Protect Young Eyes



DEFENDING YOUR KIDS FROM ONLINE DANGERS

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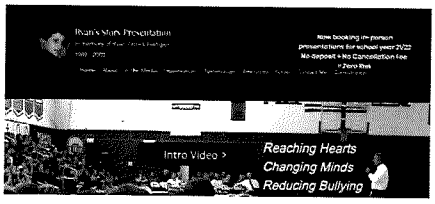
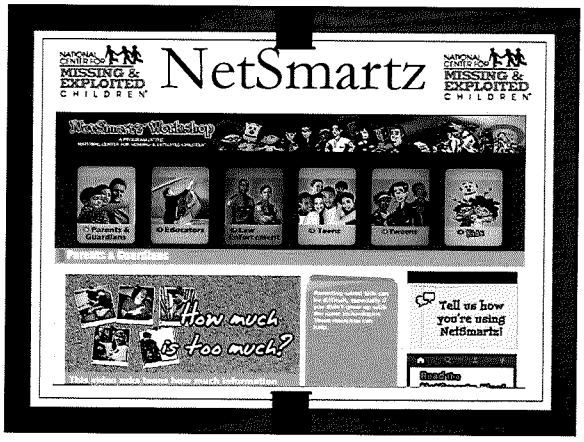


Common Sense Media

- Able to review movies, games, music, apps, books, websites, and TV
- Search apps and find out what parents need to know.
- Advice on how to talk to your child about inappropriate apps.
- **https://www.commonsensemedia.org/**



Cellular Monitoring

- Life 360
  - Runs on mobile device
    - You are in Control!
    - View family members on a map
    - Communicate with family members
    - Receive alerts when family arrives at home, work or school
    - Check in for quick updates
    - You can control your own circles and turn on and off at your own timing

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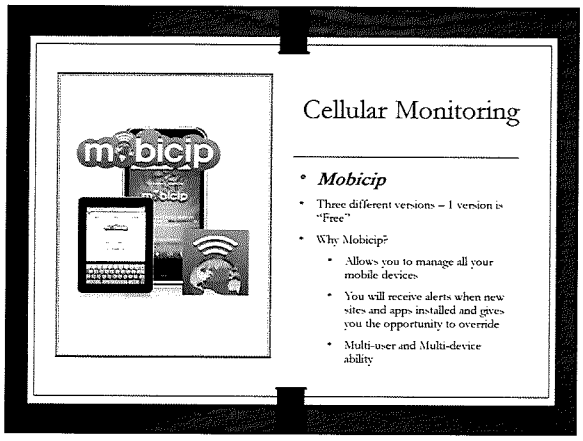
Cellular Monitoring
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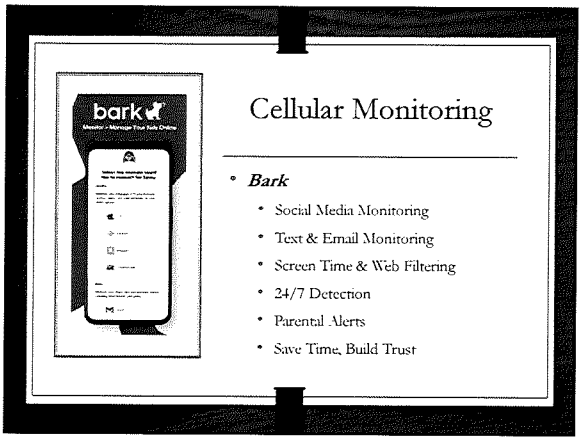
Three different versions – 1 version is "Free"
Why Mobicip?
Allows you to manage all your mobile devices
You will receive alerts when new sites and apps installed and gives you the opportunity to override
Multi-user and Multi-device ability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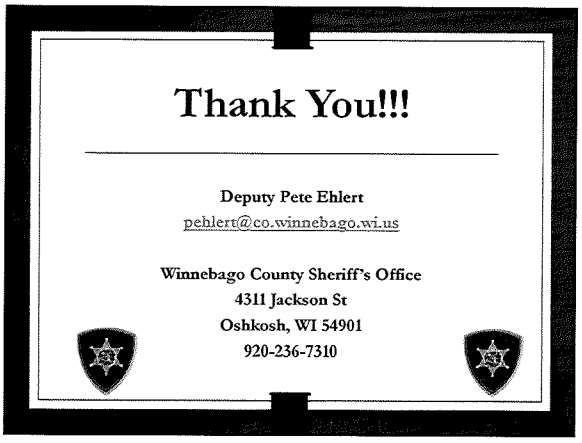
Text & Email Monitoring
Screen Time & Web Filtering
24/7 Detection
Parental Alerts
Save Time, Build Trust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