

Wyoming County



District Attorney's Office

*In cooperation with the Tunkhannock Area School District And Wyoming
County Juvenile Court Services
Presents:*

Protecting Kids Online

The Dangers of Websites, Online Profiles, Chatrooms and More...

Tunkhannock Area High School Auditorium
Thursday, December 7, 2006
7:00pm - 9:30pm



Agenda

Welcome & Introduction

Michael F. Thornton

Program Moderator

Tunkhannock Area High School Principal

Opening Remarks

George Skumanick

Wyoming County District Attorney

Presentations

Trooper Martin Connors

PA State Police, Wyoming Barracks

Special Agent Bradley Mullins

FBI, Scranton

Andy Mehalshik

WBRE News

Recognition

Chief Detective David Ide

Wyoming County District Attorney's
Office

Closing Remarks

Michael F. Thornton

Tunkhannock Area High School Principal

Question & Answer Session

Presenter Panel

If you would like more information on these topics please contact Terri McCloskey
(Communities That Care) at 996-2246

Quick Facts

1. One in five children who use computer chatrooms have been approached over the Internet by pedophiles (**Detective Chief Superintendent Keith Akerman, Telegraph.co.uk January 2002**).
2. One in Five received sexual solicitation or approach in the last year (**Online Victimization, NCMEC, June 2000**).
3. One in thirty-three received aggressive sexual solicitation (asked them to meet, called them via phone, sent mail, money or gifts) (**Online Victimization, NCMEC, June 2000**).
4. Twenty-five percent of youth who received sexual solicitation told a parent (**Online Victimization, NCMEC, June 2000**).
5. One in four kids participate in Real Time Chat (**FamilyPC Survey, 2000**).
6. Almost one in eight youths ages eight to eighteen discovered that someone they were communicating with online was an adult pretending to be much younger (**Internet Safety: Realistic Strategies & Messages for Kids Taking More and More Risks Online. December 21, 2005. Polly Klaas Foundation. February 17, 2006 <<http://www.pollyklaas.org/internet-safety/pkfsummary.pdf>>**).
7. Thirty-one percent of seventh to twelfth-graders pretended to be much older to get onto a website (**The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation Study, March 2005**).
8. A study done by the NOP Research Group found that of the four million children aged seven to seventeen who surf the net, twenty-nine percent would freely give out their home address and fourteen percent would freely give out their email address if asked (**Telegraph.co.uk January 2002**).
9. The number one media concern for parents has shifted from television to the Internet, with eighty-five percent of parents saying that it posed the greatest risk to their children among all forms of media (**National Attitudinal Poll, Common Sense Media, June 7, 2006**).
10. Internet pedophiles are increasingly adopting counter-intelligence techniques to protect themselves from being traced (**National Criminal Intelligence Service, 8/21/03**).

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