

Some 75% of 12-17 year-olds now own cell phones, up from 45% in 2004.

Fully 72% of all teens – or 88% of teen cell phone users — are text-messagers.² That is a sharp rise from the 51% of teens who were texters in 2006.

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Internet Safety:

Teens

Online Actions



Offline Consequences



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Your Online Life



Social
Networking



Cell Phones



Video & images



E-mail, IM, and
Chat rooms



File Sharing

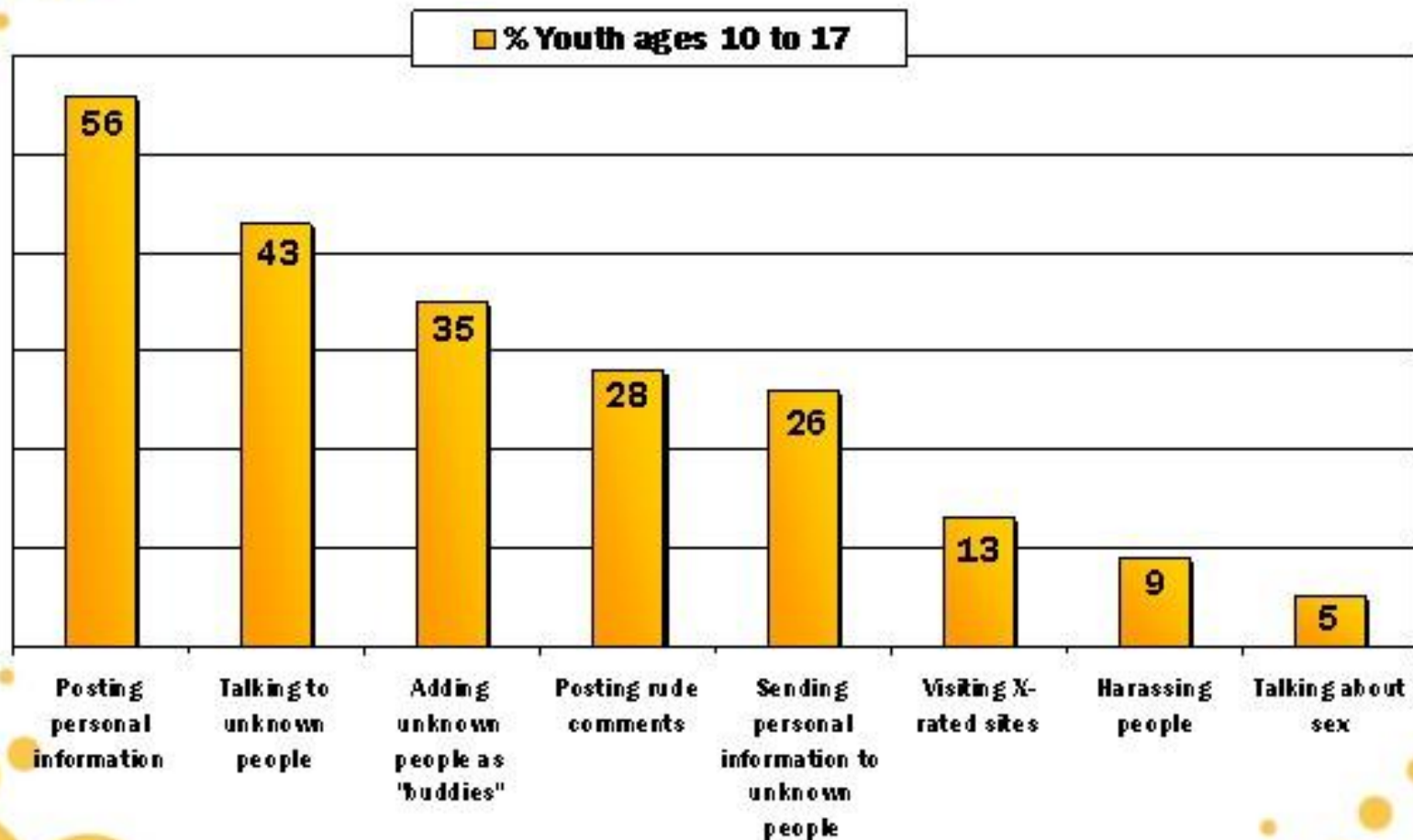


Online Gaming



Blogging

Risky Online Behaviors



Online 'Predators' and their Victims: Myths, Realities, and Implications for Prevention and Treatment, 2008.

Sexual Solicitation of Teens.

TARGETED 30% male
70% female



OFFENDERS 86% of offenders were people
youth first “met” online

INCIDENTS 37% happened in chat rooms
40% on IM

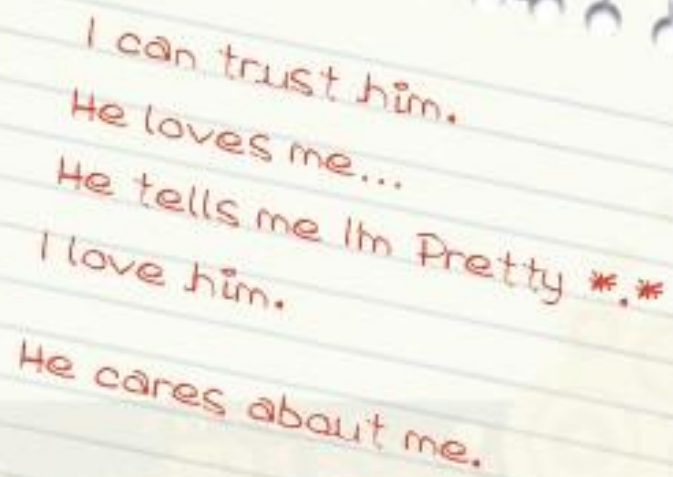


Who Can I Trust?

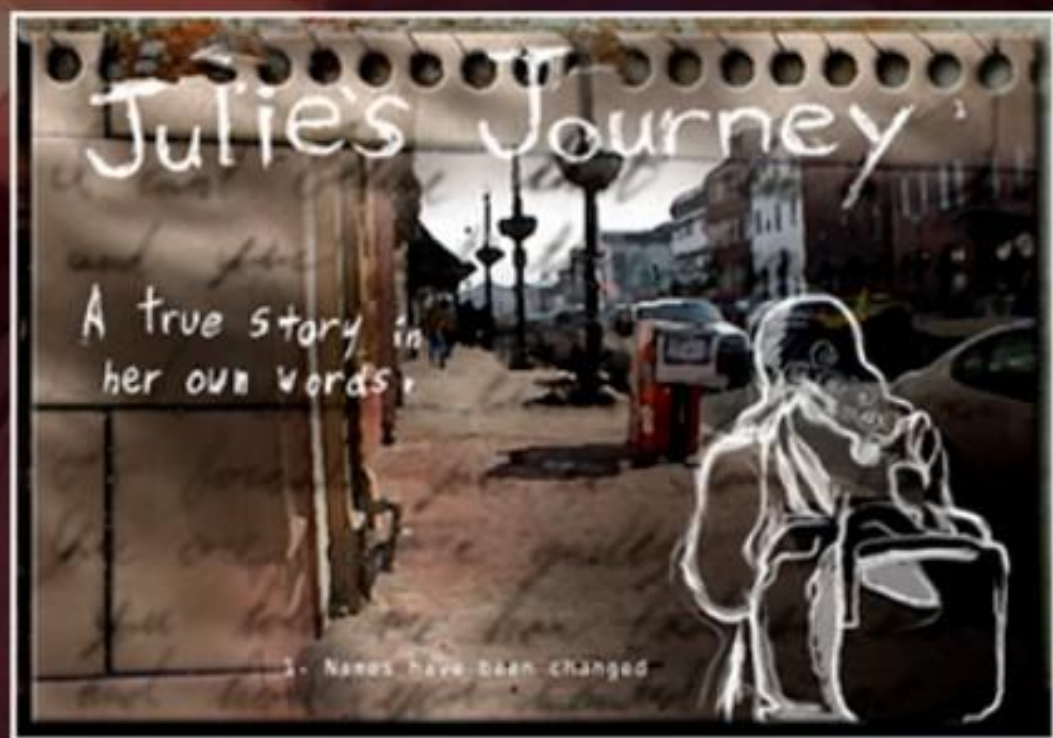
- **Online trust can lead to poor decisions**
 - **Out of 500 Internet initiated sex crimes 95% were not forced**
 - **73% of teens who meet for face-to-face sexual encounters do so more than once**
- **It can be a crime for an adult to engage in sexually explicit communication with a minor**

"Grooming"

- **Predators might try to**
 - **Isolate you from family and friends**
 - **Turn you against your parents or guardian**
 - **Make you keep everything secret**
 - **Threaten you**



I can trust him.
He loves me...
He tells me I'm Pretty *.*
I love him.
He cares about me.



Julie's Journey

A true story in
her own words

Names have been changed

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BY NARRATIVE LEARNING EXPERTS

predators

If anyone

Talks about inappropriate things

Sends you sexually explicit images

Ask for your personal information

Wants you to do things that make you feel uncomfortable

Wants to meet you in person

Talk to someone you trust!

Time \neq Trust

- You may not know the truth about people you first meet online
- You can be lied to or betrayed
- Anyone worth having as a friend wouldn't ask you to put yourself at risk



Risks of Meeting Offline

Assault

Pregnancy

Abduction

Exploitation

Disease

Survivor Diaries



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Revealing Too Much

- **Information**



- **Images**

- **Backgrounds that reveal identifying information**
- **Sexually provocative poses**
- **Too much skin**
- **Illegal or inappropriate activities**



**EVERYONE KNOWS
YOUR NAME**



Videos & Images

- **Don't post photos and videos with**
 - **Backgrounds that reveal your identity or location**
 - **Sexually provocative poses or a lot of skin**
- **Remember that any video can be saved, accessed, and altered by anyone for any purpose**



Social Networking



myspace.com



facebook.com



friendster.com



xanga.com



bebo.com



livejournal.com



clubpenguin.com



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<http://www.MyLife.com/i-candy>

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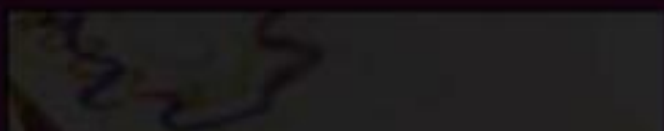
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Video



I-candy's latest blog entries

- [wanna B mineee?? Boyfriend app here.](#) [View more]
- [Hot plcCies!!! ShHhhHhHH...](#)
- [life sux 2 no end and these are the reasons whYYY](#)

- Information can be inadvertently revealed in pictures
- Sexually provocative pictures can be used for exploitation

Photo



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Movies: Everything but horror

Heroes: ME!

-candy's details

Relationship:	Single
Age for:	Friends
Orientation:	Straight
Hometown:	D-town
Body type:	5'2" more to love

- Don't let people you don't know into your life to gain status or display popularity

I-candy's Friendspace

I-candy's has 567 friends [View All]



Lizzie



Single.me.out



Play*central



Ame<3 Jeff



Nick



Terrin Trinidad

I-candy's friends comments

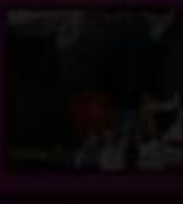
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Weight:	Leo
Smoking:	Yes / Yes
Marital:	Someday
Education:	High school
Occupation:	iMma HuStIA bAbEe!!!

I-candy's schools

Monte Vista HS
Dallas, Texas

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Hey pretty....my bday is in 7 days.
I will c u at my house party. u b my present. :p

[Nick](#)



10/15/2006 11:26 PM

Hey cuzzz No more revealing pics. No talk of kissing boys.
And take ur personal info off (ur high school)
so I don't have to chase down crazy peeps.
Other than that. I'm fine.
How r u? sorry for being MIA.

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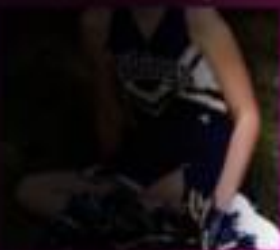
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- 1) I'm FAT. im in a hard place ta describe – I feel LOST but I have ppl around me. I need 2 pull myself 2gether so ppl stop askin me if I've eaten or not. My bf keeps saying not 2 get any thinner yet that's exactly wut im planning... that's all I have left 2 do.
- 2) I can't trust my boyfriend because he looks at other girlz. He's still at my old skool, etc."

- Predators can use your vulnerabilities and insecurities to “groom” you into a face-to-face meeting.

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City: Dallas
State: Texas
Country: USA
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How Hard Is It To Target Kids Online?

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Cyberbullying

- **Spreading rumors and gossip**
- **Posting pictures without consent**
- **Stealing passwords to assume someone's identity**
- **Harassing or threatening with mean or bad language**



Cyberbullying

You Can't Take It Back





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Online Gaming

- **Don't get angry; walk away if things get too "heated"**
- **Use voice-mask and other safety features to hide your age and gender**
- **Watch out for links to outside sites which may lead to inappropriate or illegal content**



E-mail, IM, & Chat rooms

- **Protect yourself by**
 - **Communicating with people you know in person**
 - **Keeping your personal information private**
 - **Not responding to offensive messages**
 - **Not participating in sexually explicit chat**
 - **Choosing gender-neutral, non-revealing, and non-suggestive screennames and e-mail addresses**

Cell Phones

- **Never post your cell phone number online**
- **Never send provocative photos or videos of yourself (it's illegal)**
- **Don't respond to harassing texts**



What to Do

- **If you are ever cyberbullied**
 - **Do not respond**
 - **Save the evidence**
 - **Tell an adult you trust**
- **Report it at**
www.cybertipline.com or to your ISP
- **If you feel threatened or that you are in immediate danger contact your local law-enforcement agency**



File-sharing

- Download and share media with peer-to-peer(P2P)

Music Movies Videos Photos
Documents Software

- It's illegal to share copyrighted materials without permission
- You could unknowingly download or distribute viruses and illicit material



Spyware, Spam, & Scams

- Only download from trustworthy sources to prevent spyware and viruses
- Protect your privacy and don't give out information to soliciting sites and e-mails
- If an offer seems too good to be true, it usually is
- Don't fall for phishing scams



Real-Life Consequences

- Information and images you post online are viewed not only by your friends, but also by
 - Parents, guardians, and relatives
 - Teachers and principals
 - Colleges and universities
 - Employers
 - **ONLINE PREDATORS**



If it is on the Internet, IT IS NOT PRIVATE.

Making Safer Choices

- **YOU control your online image and how much personal information is revealed**
- **Be a good friend and sibling and encourage others to be safer online**
- **Respect others - don't be a cyberbully**
- **If you need help, talk to a trusted adult**



Resources for You

- www.NetSmartz.org
 - Watch teens' real-life stories and learn how to make safer choices online
- www.cybertipline.com
 - If you or someone you know has been victimized, make a report and tell a trusted adult



Thank You!



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