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INTERNET PREDATORS



When kids are at home from school, many of them will turn to the internet to keep them amused and busy.

PROTECTING YOUR KIDS AGAINST INTERNET PREDATORS

The Internet can be a wonderful resource for children and teens.

Kids can use the internet to research school reports, communicate with teachers and other kids, and play interactive games. Kids who are old enough to punch in a few letters on the keyboard can literally access the world.

BUT...the risks in kids and teens using the internet are great. From 1996 to 2002, there was nearly a 2,000% increase in the number of online child pornography and exploitation cases investigated by the FBI! And even more sobering - 826,000 kids per year are reported missing, according to the FBI - that's 3 missing children every 2 minutes! According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 1 out of 5 missing children ages 15 to 17 are abducted due to internet activity.

That's why it's important to be aware of what your kids see and hear on the

Internet, who they meet, and what they share about themselves online.

Just like any safety issue, it's wise to talk with your kids about your concerns, take advantage of resources to protect them, and keep a close eye on their activities. While there are many state and federal laws enacted to protect children and their privacy, YOU are your kid's best online protection.

By talking to them about potential online dangers and monitoring their computer use, you'll help them surf the Internet safely.

Online Protection Tools

Online tools are available that will let you control your kids' access to adult material and help protect them from Internet predators. No option is going to guarantee that they'll be kept away from 100% of the risks on the Internet. So it's important to be aware of your kids' computer activities and educate them about online risks.



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