



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month



Internet Safety Resources

*Available in Spanish



Raising Kids in the Media Age, Jay Dunlap - Circle Press \$12.95

www.circlepressusa.com/zencart/index.php

This book provides a realistic, informative look at the effect of today's media on individuals and families. Based on extensive research, Catholic author Jay Dunlap shows that, regardless of the content, the media affects our interactions with others, especially those closest to us. This book offers positive, fresh ideas on how parents can take control of the media outlets in their home. Softcover, 96 pp



Online Victimization of Youth: Five Years Later (2006) – NCMEC, NHCACRC, OJJDP

www.missingkids.com

This second groundbreaking national survey of 1,500 youth aged 10 to 17 documented their use of the Internet and experiences while online including unwanted exposure to sexual solicitation, sexual material, and harassment.

- Call 1-800-843-5678 or print off the order by mail form at www.missingkids.com/missingkids/servlet/PageServlet?LanguageCountry=en_US&PageId=606
Order #167 - First copy free, each additional copy \$3

Safe & Smart - National School Board Foundation

www.nsb.org/safe-smart/key.htm

Provides results of study about parents' and student's attitudes on the Internet (also available in a brochure format).

Family Education

www.familyeducation.com

Family Education is a website with information for parents about all things kids! The site also has an informative article regarding 'sexting' (exchanging sexually explicit photos via texting application on cell phones) which young kids and teens seem to engage in as a casual act; however, it can have serious consequences, often criminal: <http://life.familyeducation.com/teen-relationships/sexting/63750.html?detoured=1>

NetSmartz*

www.netsmartz.org/

The NetSmartz Workshop is an interactive, educational safety resource from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) and Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) for children aged 5 to 17, parents, guardians, educators, and law enforcement that uses age-appropriate, 3-D activities to teach children how to stay safer on the Internet..

- www.NetSmartz.org/Marketing/promotional: this page of the website has educational items at reasonable cost that also promote their on-line internet safety programs...you may want to include some of these items for your students and/or their parents.

Child Safety on the Information Highway* & Teen Safety on the Information Highway* - Brochures

sponsored by the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

www.missingkids.com

These brochures provide parents with invaluable Internet safety information and tips for keeping children and teens safer online. The brochures are authored by Larry Magid, syndicated columnist and broadcaster.

- Call 1-800-843-5678 or print off the order by mail form at http://www.missingkids.com/missingkids/servlet/PageServlet?LanguageCountry=en_US&PageId=2565
Child Brochure: English (NCMEC Order #03) or Spanish (NCMEC Order #06)
Teen Brochure: English (NCMEC Order #57) or Spanish (NCMEC Order #59)
Cost: First 50 copies free, each additional copy 10¢

WebWiseKids

Wisdom Begins with You

www.webwisekids.org/

Web Wise Kids is about empowering today's youth to make wise online choices. Through state-of-the-art computer games—based on real-life scenarios—and community and youth leader involvement and parents, Web Wise Kids creates a safer, friendlier internet experience.

Play It Cyber Safe

www.playitcybersafe.com

The goal of this web site is to empower children, parents, and teachers to prevent cybercrime through knowledge of the law, their rights, and how to avoid misuse of the Internet.

The Children's Partnership

www.childrenspartnership.org

This site contains general information on current child-related topics including the use of technology. Some of the information is available in multiple languages.

CyberNetiquette Comix

disney.go.com/cybersafety/index.html

In this series of comics, children learn about proper Internet ethics and the importance of keeping private information private. Join classic Disney characters for adventure, fun, and online awareness tips.

CyberSmart!

www.cybersmart.org

The CyberSmart! School Program develops curricula and training programs for professional development designed to help educators empower students to take full advantage of computers and the Internet. The site contains Internet safety information for students, parents, and educators, and includes lesson plans, activity sheets, downloadable posters, and safety tips.

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

www.ftc.gov/infosecurity

The Federal Trade Commission's security information web site contains online safety resources for consumers and business alike. The site is easy to navigate and features "Dewie the Turtle," a colorful cartoon mascot for the FTC's initiative. The web site also includes numerous consumer education publications in both English and Spanish.

GetNetWise

www.getnetwise.com

This site is a resource for parents to educate themselves and their children about how to use the Internet safely. They provide information on filtering software and recommend safe web sites for children of all ages.

Internet Content Rating Association (ICRA)

www.icra.org

This site contains information and downloads on the content rating system.

SafeKids.com

www.safekids.com

This site contains information for children, parents, teachers, and officials on Internet safety and Internet family resources.

Internet Keep Safe Coalition

www.ikeepSAFE.org

The Internet Keep Safe Coalitions group teaches basic rules of Internet safety to children and parents, reaching them online and in school. Governors and/or first spouses formed this coalition in partnership with a growing list of crime prevention organizations, foundations, and corporate sponsors.

Voice Today

www.voicetoday.org

Victory Over Incest Changes Everyone addresses the silence that surrounds the issue of sexual abuse including tools for internet safety.

SafeTeens.com

www.safeteens.com

This site provides tips, advice, links, and suggestions to help make your family's online experience fun and productive.

Stay Safe Online

msn.staysafeonline.com/play.htm

This interactive cartoon by Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Microsoft® teaches children online safety with a cast of interesting characters. Join Tara Lipinski, Shaquille O'Neal, and several cartoon kids in learning more about the Internet. Interactive quizzes help children practice the safety concepts.

Surf Swell Island: Adventures in Internet Safety

disney.go.com/surfswell/index.html

This quiz-driven adventure activity presents Internet safety material in a series of three games, each featuring a classic Disney character and focusing on an area of concern such as privacy, viruses, or netiquette, guidelines for good behavior on the Internet.

U.S. Department of Education

www.ed.gov/technology/safety.html

This site contains Internet safety and technology education information for parents and teachers.

WiredKids.org

www.wiredkids.org

This site contains Internet safety information for children, parents, teachers, and officials. It provides links to child-friendly and other Internet safety sites as well as fun games and activities.

What do I do if I see or hear of something on-line that needs to be reported?

Contacts:

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children 1-800-THE LOST (1-800-843-5678)

www.missingkids.com

This site provides information on general child safety and Internet safety for children, parents, educators, law enforcement, and the community.

Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces (ICAC) 1-877-798-7682

www.icactraining.org

Through funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention a national network of 45 Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces has been established to coordinate investigations of computer facilitated crimes against children. In January of 2003 the ICAC Training & Technical Assistance program was established to enhance their effectiveness of the ICAC Task Force program by providing training and technical assistance to federal, state, and local law-enforcement agencies working to reduce the victimization of children by individuals and businesses who seek to exploit them through the use of computer and electronic technology.

CyberTipline®

www.cybertipline.com

The CyberTipline handles leads from individuals reporting the sexual exploitation of children including child pornography, online enticement of children, child prostitution, child sex tourism, misleading domain names and child sexual molestation (not in the family).

Virtual Global Taskforce (VGT)

www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com

The Virtual Global Taskforce (VGT) is an international alliance of law-enforcement agencies working together to make the Internet a safer place. Membership is currently comprised of the Australian High Tech Crime Centre, the National Crime Squad for England and Wales, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and Interpol. The mission of the Virtual Global Taskforce is to make the Internet a safer place; to identify, locate, and help children at risk; and to hold perpetrators accountable. The web site acts as a gateway to a wide range of information on how to use the Internet safely and links to a range of support agencies that can advise and support victims of abuse.