

### Indications of problems:

- Missing kids
- Kids online a lot, withdrawn
- Using someone else's account
- You find porn on computer
- Kid describes solicitation
- Kids receiving phone calls, gifts
- Kids change screen, turn off
- Lawsuits from industry organizations
- Bills for purchases you did not make
- Your computer has large files you didn't create

### Prevention:

- Monitor kids' internet use
- Work closely to train kids
- Learn about your computer and the internet
- Safe shopping habits
- Good computer security

### Dealing with problems:

- Keep your system secure
- Talk openly with kids
  - Describe concerns
  - Teach about dangers
- Report problems
  - Local police
  - NCMEC
- If you suspect a problem, turn the computer off until police evaluate it – possible evidence

## Learn more!



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# Internet Safety Information

Your guide to understanding,  
preventing and responding to  
internet and computer crimes

- Predators
- Cyber stalkers
- Fraud
- Identity Theft
- Hackers
- Intellectual Property



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## Child Safety Tips

### Predator Methods

- They go where the kids are
  - Chat rooms
  - MySpace
- They know the culture
- They're good detectives
- They're empathetic
  - Kindness
  - Affection
  - Gifts
- They're willing to invest time and money
- They lower the child's inhibitions by gradually introducing sexual content
- The goal is "face to face"

### Computer Management

- Firewall, antivirus, spyware
- Adult administrator, kids users
- Filtering tools
- Monitoring tools

### Family Best Practices

- Don't overreact
- Computer in a common room
- Tell parent about online names
- Tell parent about cyber friends
- Don't give kid admin privileges
- Don't let kids delete history
- Secure configuration
- Learn to inspect computer
  - Files (none private)
  - Browser history
  - Settings
- Report problems

## "Internet Smarts" Tips

### Fraud

- Don't click offers "too good to be true"
  - Recognize scams
- Free credit reports
  - Experian
  - Equifax
  - TransUnion
- Don't respond to unsolicited ads
  - Phishing
  - Spam

### Identity Theft

- Cross-cut shredder
- File or destroy receipts
- Don't leave mail in mailbox
- Keep copies of wallet contents
- Monitor credit reports
- If you suspect you're a victim:
  - Fraud alert to credit agencies
  - Notify affected creditors
  - Cancel affected cards
  - File police report

### Computer Security

- Routers are easy to configure, have good firewall capabilities
- Software firewall
- Current anti-virus
- Current system patches
- Current anti-spyware
- Encryption
  - Files for transmission
  - Disks on portable computers

## Online Resources

Orange County Sheriff's  
Department: <http://ocsd.org>

National Center for Missing and  
Exploited Children - NCMEC  
<http://missingkids.com>

Immigration and Customs  
Enforcement Operation Predator  
<http://www.ice.gov/graphics/predator/>

Los Angeles District Attorney  
<http://da.co.la.ca.us/pok/default.htm>

<http://kids.getnetwise.org/tools>

<http://internet-filter-review.toptenreviews.com/internet-safety.html>

<http://www.netsmartz.org>

<http://www.cert.org/homeusers/HomeComputerSecurity/>

### Identity Theft

<http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft>  
<http://www.identitytheft.org>

### Other Groups

<http://www.wiredsafety.org>  
<http://theinternetandyourchild.org>  
<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/9878187>