

How **SAFE** are your kids **ONLINE?**

Kids in Nebraska are Using the Internet Every Day...

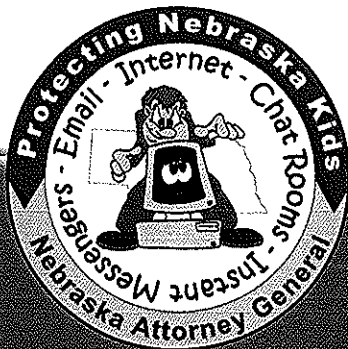
to do homework, to talk to their friends, and to have fun. Unfortunately, predators and pedophiles use the Internet every day as a tool to find their next victim. In fact, one in seven children who regularly use the Internet is sexually solicited.

Talk to your kids. Know what they are doing online. For more tips on keeping kids cyber-safe, visit our Web site at safekids.ne.gov. Working together, we can protect our children.

Know the Facts...

Many parents believe if their children are using the Internet at home, they are protected. But an Internet connection is all a predator needs to invade your home and threaten your child's safety. According to a report by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:

- 1 in 7 children who regularly use the Internet is sexually solicited
- 1 in 11 is harassed or threatened
- 31 percent receive an aggressive sexual solicitation or are asked to meet
- 79 percent of solicitations occur in the child's home
- 56 percent of children do not tell anyone about the solicitations



Learn more at
safekids.ne.gov

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What's Being Done?

The Attorney General's Office is committed to catching and bringing to justice those who use the Internet to prey on our children. In addition to prosecutions, the Nebraska Department of Justice:

- Works with the Nebraska State Patrol's Internet Crimes Against Children Unit to capture and convict Internet predators.
- Works with the state's Educational Service Units (ESUs) to educate kids about the dangers that lurk online.
- Worked with the Legislature to pass LB 943 which created the crime of online enticement of a child under age 17.
- Created safekids.ne.gov where parents, kids, and teachers can go to learn more about Internet safety.

Some Internet Safety Tips for Parents...

- Explore the Internet with your children and help them find kid-friendly sites.
- Tell children they should avoid giving out personal information like name, address, and phone number in chat rooms, to online pen pals, or on electronic bulletin boards.
- Use an online filter. Most Internet providers offer a filter to customers; if yours does not, consider purchasing software that can filter online activity when you're not around.
- Set online rules and make sure your children understand and follow them.
- Teach your children the meaning of private and personal information, such as details about your family and where they attend school.



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