



Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation
INTERNET PREDATOR HANDOUTS



INTERNET PREDATORS

TYPES OF INTERNET PREDATORS

- SEXUAL PREDATORS
- STALKERS
- BLACKMAIL (USE OF PICTURES) & THREATS (TO POST THINGS ONLINE)
- PHISHING SCAMS – STEALING CREDIT CARD NUMBERS AND INFO
- TROJAN HORSE VIRUS AND MONITORING PROGRAMS

HOW DO THEY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE AVERAGE COMPUTER USER

- INFORMATION GATHERING
- REVERSE PHONE TRACING
- ONLINE GAMES – YAHOO GAMES AND OTHERS THAT ALLOW CHATTING
- INTELLIUS SERVICES
- GOOGLE SEARCHES
- ZABASEARCH
- ONLINE PUBLIC RECORDS
- NEWS ARTICLES
- SCHOOL WEBSITES
- INSTANT MESSAGING
- SOCIAL NETWORK WEBSITE PROFILES
- HACKING EMAIL ACCOUNTS
- HACKING MYSPACE ACCOUNTS
- SOCIAL ENGINEERING – INTERNET / PHONE
- ETC...ETC

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF & YOUR CHILDREN

- RESEARCH YOUR NAME AND YOUR CHILDREN'S NAMES ONLINE
- CHECK PROFILES ON ALL OF YOUR CHILDREN'S ACCOUNTS (SECRET ACCTS)
- MONITOR WEB USAGE AS BEST YOU CAN
- IF NEEDED, INSTALL MONITORING SOFTWARE OR A KEYLOGGER
- PUT THE COMPUTERS IN A PUBLIC AREA OF THE HOME, NOT IN THE CHILD'S ROOM
- INVEST THE TIME TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY ARE USING (MYSPACE,XANGA)
- IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND, READ A WIKIPEDIA ARTICLE

IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'S "OUT THERE" ON YOU OR YOUR CHILDREN, THEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THE AVERAGE INTERNET PREDATOR KNOWS.

INVEST THE TIME FAMILIARIZING YOURSELF WITH THE FOLLOWING LINKS.

Locate Sex Offenders in your area.

Ohio's Electronic Sex offender Registration and Notification

<http://www.ag.state.oh.us/citizen/esorn.asp>

National Sex Offender Registry

<http://www.nsopr.gov/>

MySpace – Get an account and search for your child's first name in your area code. If you can't find them find a friend of theirs and search their friends list for your child.

If you have a teenager, they have a MySpace

www.myspace.com

Xanga – Online Blogs/Journals

www.xanga.com

LiveJournal – Online Blogs/Journals

<http://www.livejournal.com/>

Facebook – Profiles from your child's school, college, etc.

www.facebook.com

Google – Good idea to Google your name and your childrens – See what's out there.

www.google.com

IceRocket – Search Blogs and Myspace Profiles

www.icerocket.com

Spector Pro Monitoring Software

www.spectorsoft.com

Professional Monitoring Software for your computer

Keelog Hardware Keyloggers

<http://www.keelog.com/index.html>

Public Records for the US by County

<http://www.brbpub.com/pubrecsites.asp?h=1>

ZabaSearch – Person Finder (Very Complete Database)

<http://www.zabasearch.com/>

YouTube

www.youtube.com

Phishing Scams – Explanation and Resources

<http://www.antiphishing.org/>

Identity Theft – Federal Trade Commission's Website on ID Theft

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft/>

Annual Credit Report – Free Annual Credit Report

www.annualcreditreport.com/

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

<http://www.netSMART.org/>

Wikipedia – Great reference tool. Try looking up terminology and sites you are unfamiliar with
<http://en.wikipedia.org>

Symantec – Anti-Virus Software – Keep Spyware and Malware off your computer
<http://www.symantec.com/index.jsp>

AVG Free Anti-Virus Software
<http://free.grisoft.com/doc/1>

Secure your wireless network
<http://www.pcstats.com/articleview.cfm?articleID=1489>

Talk with your children and friends about the dangers of posting too much information online. If you encounter resistance from your child to let you view their online profiles or online blogs you probably have cause to worry. The average parent has to invest time and effort into assuring the safety of their child online. Talk to your children early, so you don't fall behind. Most children have a clean profile and then another profile that they update regularly. Chat programs and chat rooms are often where the internet predator will lurk. If a web camera is attached to your home computer be very careful of what is in it's view. Make sure your child practices safe online behavior and does not leak too much information to strangers online.

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