

## Cyber Safety Statistics

- Almost all children today have access to the Internet through schools, libraries, community centers, or their home. And most 8 to 18-year-olds, 74 percent, have Internet access from their home computers according to the [Kaiser Family Foundation](#).
- Eighty-one percent of youth said that other cyberbully because they think it's funny.
- Forty-three percent of teens have been victims of cyberbullying in the last year.
- Almost 80 percent of teens said that they either did not have parental rules about Internet use or found ways around them.
- Nearly 30 percent of teens wanted to seek revenge on those who cyberbullied them.

Source: National Crime Prevention Council. *Stop Cyberbullying Before It Starts*.

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- 95% of parents don't recognize the lingo kids use to let people know that their parents are watching
  - 89% of sexual solicitations are made in either chat rooms or [Instant Messages](#)

- **20% of children age 10-17 have been solicited sexually online; that's 1 out of every 5 kids**
- **75% of youth who received an online sexual solicitation did not tell a parent**
- One third of kids have been contacted by a stranger and half of these were considered inappropriate
- 81% of parents of online youth say that kids aren't careful enough when giving out information about themselves online
- 76% of parents don't have rules about what their kids can do on the computer
- 65% of parents believe that kids do things online that they wouldn't want their parents to know about
- 4,000,000 children are posting content to the Web everyday
- 15,000,000 youth use Instant Messaging
- 9 out of 10 parents will never know that any inappropriate contact has occurred
- 14% have actually met face to face with a person they have met on the Internet
- 1 out of 17 kids have been harassed, threatened, or bullied
- Nearly three-quarters (73%) of online teens believe that someone their age is most likely to be approached by someone unknown to them online as opposed to offline

- When asked how they responded the last time they were contacted online by a complete stranger, just 3% of online teens said they told an adult or authority figure
- **Most kids will not report inappropriate Internet contact to their parents because they are afraid of losing Internet privileges**
- 61% of 13-17 yr olds have a personal profile on social networking sites
- **44% of [online](#) teens with profiles like Facebook and Myspace have been contacted by a stranger, compared with 16 percent of those without profiles.**
- 71% have reported receiving messages from someone they do not know
- 45% have been asked for personal info from people they do not know
- 48% of 16-17 yr olds report that their parents know "very little" or "nothing" about their [online activities](#)
- MySpace deletes 25,000 profiles weekly of users who don't meet the site's 14-year-old minimum age requirement
- **From 2007-2009 MySpace has deleted 90,000 accounts because they were created by registered sex offenders**

Source: Netlingo. "Cyber Safety Statistics: Parents If You Don't Know About the Need to Protect Your Kids Online, Keep Reading." *Cyber Safety Statistics*. 2010. Netlingo. November 09, 2010 <http://www.netlingo.com/tips/cyber-safety-statistics.php>