Internet Safety & Teens

Did you know that...

- 14% of teens have actually met face-to-face with a person they had known only through the Internet (9% of 13-15 year-olds and 22% of 16-17 year-olds).
- 30% have considered meeting someone they've only communicated with online.
- 71% reported receiving messages online from someone they don't know.
- 45% have been asked for personal information by someone they don't know.
- When teens receive messages online from someone they don't know, 40% usually reply to and chat with that person.

Source: Cox Communications, NCMEC, Netsmartz, Ketchum Global Research

Can You Decode This?

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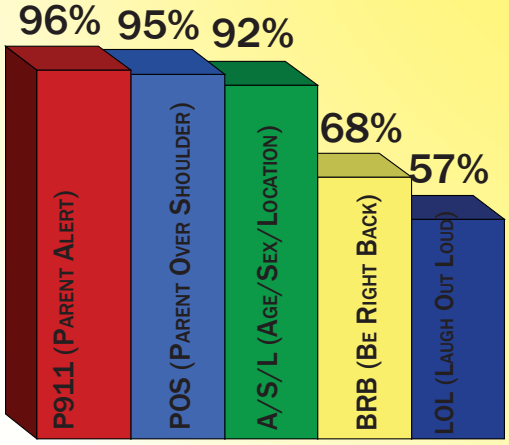

In a recent study most parents were unable to decipher these common online terms.

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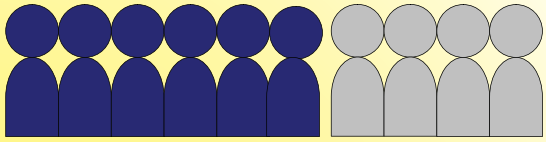
Social Networking...

61% of 13-17 year-olds...



...have a personal profile on a social networking site such as MySpace, Xanga or Friendster.

friendster

myspace a place for friends

What Can You Do?

- Create 'house rules' for using the Internet & follow them!
- Know how to use the security software on your computer & use it!
- Keep the computer in the family room or other open area.
- Talk to your teen often. Ask who they are chatting with and emailing.
- Teach your child to keep passwords private and never give out personal information such as address, phone, etc...
- Don't talk to people online that you have not met in person!
- Teach your child that a person they have never met before is a stranger EVEN if they have talked online. They should never meet in person!