

Other Online Resources

What to do if you think a predator is after you
haltabusektd.org/help/

Safety.com
www.safety.com

Urban Legends
www.snopes.com

Cybertip Line
www.cybertipline.com

Changing preferences in IM programs, Blogs & Yahoo Chat
haltabusektd.org/resources/im.shtml

Join the WHOA-KTD YahooGroup
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/whoaktd/>

WHOA-KTD Myspace
Be our friend!
myspace.com/whoaktd

NetSmartz
www.netsmartz.org

Net Crimes
www.netcrimes.net

I-Safe
www.isafe.org

About WHO@

WHO@ (Working to Halt Online Abuse) is the oldest online safety organization dedicated to helping adult victims of cyberstalking and online harassment. Founded in February of 1997, WHO@ is also the only organization to provide the most up-to-date cyberstalking statistics. WHO@-KTD (Kids/Teen Division) was founded in May of 2005 to help kids and teens being bullied, harassed and stalked online. Their president, Jayne A. Hitchcock travels the country training law enforcement and other about cybercrime, how to track down cybercriminals and how to work with victims.

Her book, **NET CRIMES & MISDEMEANORS**, published by CyberAge Books, is available in bookstores everywhere (netcrimes.net).

For more information, you can reach WHO@ at haltabusektd.org, via e-mail at whoa@haltabuse.org, or P.O. Box 782, York, Maine 03909.



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Use Cyber Street-Smarts

- Use a **free e-mail** account such as Hotmail (hotmail.com) or YAHOO! (yahoo.com) for blogs, chat rooms, IMs, and other online activities
- **Don't give** your primary e-mail address to anyone you do not know or trust (see above)
- **Never give out** your real name, age, address or phone number online without permission
- **Never give out** your password to anyone, even your best friend & make sure it's not an easy password for someone to figure out (like your pet's name, your birthday, your zip code)
- **Don't put too much information** in your profile, especially your name, age, where you live, your school, where you work part-time or anything that can be used by online predators
- **Tell your parents or teachers immediately** if you are concerned about one of your friends arranging a face-to-face meeting with a stranger they met online. Your friend's safety could be at risk.
- Make sure any **photos you post online** are not of you in a bathing suit, cropped shirt, low-cut top or anything that would be considered "sexy"
- **Block or ignore unwanted users** in chat or IM. Check out what options/preferences are available and take advantage of the "Block all users except those on my buddy list" or adding unwanted usernames to an Ignore list in chat. If anyone bothers you and won't go away, put them on block or ignore. You're not being rude, you're being safe.
- **For more online safety tips, go to haltabusektd.org/resources/online.shtml**

What to do if a stranger has contacted you online:

- 1. KEEP EVERYTHING!** Don't delete e-mails, IMs, chat logs, etc. Place them in a separate folder on your hard drive or diskette/zip disk, CD, DVD etc and print out a hard copy.
- 2. Never respond** to IMs or emails that are suggestive, obscene, threatening, or make you feel uncomfortable. Tell your parents or other trusted adult about these messages. It's not your fault - remember that!
- 3. No matter how friendly a stranger may be online, don't trust them completely**
- 4. Don't let a stranger online** know when you are having a problem at school or at home - they will use this to try to get you to trust them and tell them more
- 5. Never, ever meet a stranger in person**, no matter how close you feel you have gotten to them online. Someone claiming online to be a 15 year-old girl or guy may be a 40 year-old man. Meeting them face-to-face may be dangerous - even if you're accompanied by friends or family.
- 6. Never "go private"** and never accept a "private message" if you're in a chat room
- 7. If you feel you can't tell your parents or another trusted adult**, contact WHOA-KTD for help at haltabusektd.org, click on ***Need Help?***

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