

Child Abuse and the Internet

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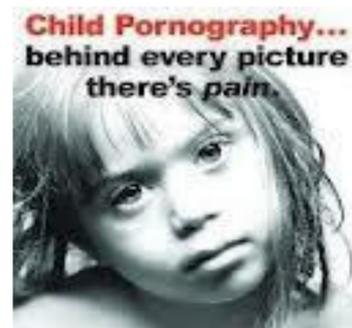
Background

- Child abuse first got the nation's attention in 1870
- Formation of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
- As technologies have advanced, children are at more risk to being abused by strangers



Predators

- Common Characteristics of Sexual Offenders:
 - Deviant sexual arousal, interest, or preference
 - Cognitive distortions
 - Social, interpersonal, and intimacy deficits
 - Poor self-management skills
 - History of maltreatment



17% of tweens said they received an email or online message with content that made them feel uncomfortable

44% of tweens said they have watched something on the internet their parents wouldn't approve of

In 2004 there were at least 3,433 child abuse domains online. In 2006 there were at least 10,656

Law enforcement officials estimate there are at least 50,000 predators online at any given moment

89% of sexual solicitation of a minor is done through chat rooms or Instant Messaging

Children's Access



- Child Sexual Exploitation:
 - Soliciting children via the internet
 - Child pornography
 - Promotion of sexual tourism
 - Harassing a child via video chat
- Access to Social Media
 - Facebook
 - Twitter
 - Chat rooms

Psychological Effects



- Impact of Sexually Explicit Materials Online
 - Depends on child
- Impact of Child Pornography
 - Desensitizes & normalizes
- "At Risk" Children
 - Already have emotional or psychological issues
- Effects of Child Abuse

Prevention at a National Level:

- Communications Decency Act (CDA)
- Child Online Protection Act (COPA)
- Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)

Prevention at a Family Level

The FBI provides a parental guide to internet safety that helps direct parents and help them deal with various situations pertaining to child abuse on the internet

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