

FACTS YOU MAY NOT KNOW

Kids can go online almost anywhere; friend's house, cyber café, school, or library. Some have access to wireless connections so they can be online anywhere, anytime.

Kids can chat with others through Internet enabled video game systems.

Kids flock to social networking sites and post their own pages of personal diaries, photos, artwork, videos, etc. Many reveal dangerous amounts of their personal information, just what Internet predators need to contact and lure your child away from home.

Kids can open free email accounts without permission from parents or guardians.

Kids know how to disable most filtering and blocking software. Don't let filtering software give you a false sense of security.

EDUCATION IS THE KEY

All children need to be aware of the possible dangers lurking online and how to best avoid falling victim. Educating them on the dangers involved with posting personal information, identity-revealing photos of themselves or their friends will make them think before they hit the 'send' button.

ONLINE PREDATORS

- ⇒ Frequent the same popular sites that kids do.
- ⇒ Are Male OR Female.
- ⇒ Can be of any age.
- ⇒ Can be of any profession.
- ⇒ Are experts at "grooming" children to persuade them to leave your home.

**EDUCATION
IS OUR
BEST DEFENSE
TO PREVENT ANOTHER CHILD
FROM FALLING VICTIM!**



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HISTORY OF THE SAFE SURFIN' FOUNDATION

The *Safe Surfin' Foundation* is the educational 'arm' of the nationally recognized Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, known as Blue Ridge Thunder, part of the Bedford County Sheriff's Office located in Bedford, Virginia.

Under the direction of Sheriff Mike Brown, online sexual predators that prey upon our innocent children are continually identified and arrested.

Though law enforcement is extremely effective in arresting these predators, Sheriff Brown realized more needed to be accomplished to protect children while online. Law enforcement continues to work tirelessly arresting predators, but the need to educate potential victims became very apparent.

Education is our best defense !

Budgeting restrictions slowed the development and distribution of these necessary educational materials. How can we possibly supply schools, parents and communities with this vital information when budgets are already down to bare bones?

The Safe Surfin' Foundation is born!

Incorporated in 2000, SSF received non-profit status making all donations to SSF tax deductible. Made up completely of volunteers, funds are raised from corporate and private donations, enabling SSF to supply Internet safety educational materials to schools, libraries, home schools, etc.

Educational Programs are
AT NO COST to the recipient!

Mission of Safe Surfin'

The mission of the Safe Surfin' Foundation is to implement and continually support nationwide Internet safety education for all students K-12, their parents, and law enforcement officers by providing training, technical assistance, and educational materials at **NO COST** to the recipients.

The Need for Safe Surfin'

Children and teens are increasingly using the Internet for many reasons to include researching information for school projects, playing games entertainment, and for communicating with friends. Unfortunately, as more children use the Internet, child sexual predators increasingly use the Internet to exploit our children.

An estimated 88 million youth online today will likely visit one or more of the 40,000 plus chat rooms that are routinely visited by child sexual predators. According to the FBI, there is a 100% chance that your child will meet a sexual predator in a chat room. Predators are continually searching for their next victim to befriend, build an online relationship and ultimately lure your child away from your home and meet them in person for illicit reasons.

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Fast Facts

- ⇒ *There are 88 million kids Online.*
- ⇒ *32% of kindergartners go Online.*
- ⇒ *80% of High school students are Online.*
- ⇒ *FBI reports 100% chance that an unsuspecting child will be contacted by an Online predator.*

Moose International and the Safe Surfin' Foundation *TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!*

The Safe Surfin' Foundation members were honored to learn of the Supreme Council's unanimous approval of the community service partnership between Moose International and SSF.

With the help of the International Moose family we will raise public awareness for the need of Internet safety education and to promote the availability of these educational programs to schools and libraries. Moose members will also bring the adult educational program to their lodges and reach out other civic groups throughout their communities to educate as many people as possible.

The Moose/SSF partnership will present numerous chances for positive publicity for the fraternity with our nation-wide involvement as we strive to protect children and reach out to communities, bringing them closer together.

Internet crimes effect all of us, young and old alike. Together we will make a difference!



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