



**Catholic Diocese of Phoenix**  
**Internet Safety: Three Potential Threats**  
 Renewal Participant Guide

# Pornography

**A staggering 42% of youth internet users have been exposed to pornography online.**

**4 most common ways people accidentally reach pornographic content on the Internet:**

- pop-up windows
- email auto links
- misspelled URL
- misrepresented links

**In 2004, there were 4.2 million pornographic websites that projected 372 million pornographic pages.** -The Dignity of the Human Person and the Dangers of Pornography: A Pastoral Letter Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph

**There are over 100 thousand websites offering access to illegal child pornography.** -US Customs Estimate

**U.S. porn revenue exceeds the combined revenues of ABC, CBS, and NBC combined. The revenue from these three industries brings in \$57 billion per year.** -Internet Pornography and Loneliness: An Association?

**In a 2000 survey, 21% of teens reported they have looked at something on the internet that they wouldn't want their parents to know.** -Newsweek

# Predators

Most victims of internet crimes are 13-17 years old. This age group is different than the conventional child molester that typically seeks out younger children as victims.

Girls are more at risk for victimization initiated via the internet than boys as they are more likely to engage in conversations with older online users and end up meeting with them in person.



**Virtually all online offenders are male.**

**Some online behaviors put youth at a higher risk of being solicited online. When the number of behaviors increases so does the level of risk.**

- Posting personal information, exposing intimate facts, and showing vulnerability
- Interacting with unknown people, having unknown people on buddy list
- Displaying rude or aggressive behavior
- Talking about sexual topics online
- Seeking out pornography online

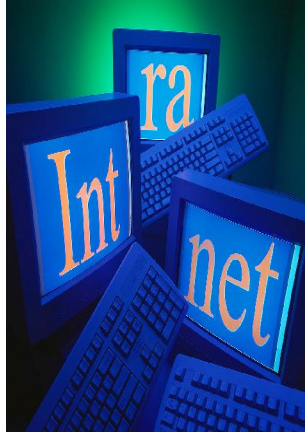
Helpful websites: [www.isafe.org](http://www.isafe.org) [www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org) <http://www.ncpc.org/cyberbullying>  
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## Cyber Bullying

Almost 30% of youth in the United States are estimated to be involved with bullying as either a target of bullying or as a bully themselves.  
[www.safeyouth.org](http://www.safeyouth.org)



**Flaming**--Online fights using electronic messages with angry or vulgar language

**Outing**--Sharing someone's secrets or embarrassing information or images online

**Impersonation**--Pretending to be someone else and sending or posting material to get that person in trouble or damage that person's reputation

**Denigration**--"Dissing" someone online, sending or posting gossip or rumors about a person

## Reporting Online Threats

[www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com) 1-800-843-5678

The Cyber Tipline is where any incidents of child exploitation should be reported including:

- Child pornography
- An offender enticing a youth online
- Child prostitution and tourism
- Unsolicited obscene material sent to a child

[www.alertrecall.com](http://www.alertrecall.com)--website to report cyber bullying and school violence

## Resources

### **Diocesan Safe Environment Office**

602-354-2418

[safeenvironment@diocesephoenix.org](mailto:safeenvironment@diocesephoenix.org)

### **Office of Child and Youth Protection**

602-354-2396

602-354-2469 fax

[Jsokol@diocesephoenix.org](mailto:Jsokol@diocesephoenix.org)

### **Child Protective Services**

1-888-SOS-Child

### **Adult Protective Services**

1-877-737-2385

### **Registered Sex Offender Website**

You can identify the registered sex offenders in your zip code by going to Arizona Sex Offender's Info Center:

<http://az.gov/webapp/offender/searchZip.do>

### **Additional Resources**

<http://safeenvironmenttraining.org>

Click on "Important Links"

**Please pray for the end of child abuse!**