



*Addressing Youth  
Victimization:  
Online Crimes*

*'Web Gone Wild'*

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**Where we are at today...**

- ***Instant Access*** – anywhere, anytime, anyone
- ***No Boundaries*** – geographical, cultural, or socio-demographical
- ***Societal Norms*** – general acceptance, fewer taboos, early sexualization of children
- ***Parental and Educational Challenges*** – how to monitor 24/7, how to teach while immersed
- ***Instant Gratification*** – overstimulation, boredom, and ‘it’s all about me’

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**How this affects youth...**

- **Anything goes – more risk equals more hits online**
- **It's not about sex - it's about popularity**
- **Consequences - outweighed by notoriety**
- **Easy victimization - by peers and strangers**
- **Vulnerability - to online sexual perpetrators**

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## **What leads to Victimization...**

- **Access to the virtual world through computers, cell phones and online gaming media**
- **Children and youth are unsupervised online**
- **Children and youth lack the developmental capacity to understand the consequences of their actions**
- **Parents are 'back-pedalling' to catch up with the technology**

**Let's look into what they are doing....**

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**Cell Phones, Webcams and Sexting...**

**Most cell phones plans aimed at youth include:**

- **unlimited texting**
- **internet capability**
- **camera and video features**
- **GPS maps and services**
- **most are 'app' capable**

**Sexting and webcams have become the new tools for youth to explore their sexuality**



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## **Live Streaming Video**

**Live streaming, more specifically, means taking the video and broadcasting it live over the Internet.**

**The process involves:**

- **a camera for the video**
- **an encoder to digitize the content**
- **a video publisher where the streams are made available to potential end-users**
- **a content delivery network to distribute and deliver the content**

**The media can then be viewed live by end-users.**

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## ***Live Streaming Risks & Consequences***

- **Younger youth aged 10-12 years, especially girls love live streaming, chat sites**
- **Unaware of threats of perpetrators**
- **Engage in risky behaviors**
- **No 'taking it back'**
- **Potential to be downloaded onto other sites**
- **Lack of online supervision**







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## **Online Luring...**

**Children and youth have no fear of victimization – *'it's only my friend, Mom'***

### **Online Predators:**

- **continually check social networking sites for pages with low privacy settings, pictures and videos, personal information, etc.**
- **share information with others in their networks instantly**
- **groom their victims online with:**
  - compliments, gifts, money, unlimited time and finally bribes and blackmail**

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## **Social Networking Sites**

**Popular ones include Facebook, Nexopia, and MySpace**

### ***Pros:***

- **Ability to connect with friends, family and colleagues**
- **Ability to share information, photos and videos world-wide**
- **Ability to make new 'friends' anytime**

### ***Cons:***

- **Information can spread throughout 'friend' networks**
- **No ability to take it back, once clicked, 'out there forever'**
- **Need to be vigilant about privacy settings and changes to the social network site**



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## **Facebook and other sites**

**Youth are at risk of being victimized when they:**

- **Do not set their privacy settings**
- **Share too much personal information, i.e. age, gender, where they live and with whom, etc.**
- **Posting inappropriate videos and pictures of themselves and others**
- **Sharing their feelings about everything about their friends, relationships, family and other areas of their lives**



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## **Ratings on Sites...**

**Ratings are a way to show popularity**

- Usually rated from '*not hot*' to '*hot*' (and everywhere in between)
- Higher rated, '*hottest*' person comes up first on site when searched
- Facebook has the '*honesty box*' and friends can *anonymously comment on them i.e. you look fat, your haircut sucks, etc.*
- Most other sites use ratings for users usually based on a profile picture
- Youth strive to be on the '*top-rated*' i.e. top ten hotties of the day, of the week, etc

**Escalates Cyberbullying and cyberharassment...**

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## **Popularity vs Safety...**

- **Increased privacy settings means not enough people viewing site/page: ↓ decrease in popularity**
- **The more people that have cell number, the more texts: ↑ popularity**
- **The sexier or more controversial the photos, the more people rating profile, means more visitors to site: ↑ popularity**
- **The more gossip or drama on site, the more people visit site: ↑ popularity**

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## **Bullying vs Cyberbullying**

### ***Traditional Bully***

- **Visible effects**
- **Usually witnessed**
- **By individual or gang**
- **Consequences easier to deliver**
- **May be easier to avoid**
- **By-standers may support and engage**

### ***Cyber Bully***

- **Anonymous**
- **Instantly viral**
- **Difficult to take back**
- **Effects and impact may not be visible to others**
- **Promotes 'gang-up-on' mentality**

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## **THE LAW...**

**Youth can be charged with:**

- **Criminal Harassment**
- **Communication causing fear**
- **Defamatory Libel**
  - Communication intended to harm a reputation
- **Defamation**
  - Communicating a false statement
  - The “reasonable person”
  - Innocent reproduction

**These are just some of the crimes youth can be charged for based on their actions online.....**

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**How do we protect our youth online?**

- **Share expectations and safety rules with your child or youth**
- **Cover or disable webcams if no supervision is available**
- **Charge cell phones in the parents bedroom overnight**
- **Make sure the technology and games are age appropriate**
- **Discuss cyberbullying, and harassment and how to protect themselves**

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## **What can you do?**

- **Be your child or youth's best online and offline role model**
- **Monitor usage and if something doesn't seem right – *Ask!***
- **Don't assume that everything is okay just because your child or youth hasn't talked to you, make it your priority to investigate**

**Thank You....*any questions?***



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