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Staggering Numbers

100,000 instances of Child Pornography reported on 1,194 separate social networks on the web.

Since 2003 tag million images of child pornography have been submitted to taw Enforcement.

Since 1998, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) Cyber Tipline has reported over 5.1 million instances of child exploitation.

In the last 12 years, this has resulted in over 40,000 arrests.

33% of the Internet is pornographic!



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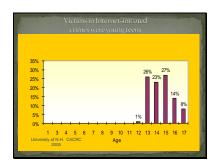
Technology Appeal to Offenders

• Expands the offender's opportunity for contact with children

Opportunity to identify and locate potential victims anywhere in the world

Opportunity for disguised identities when communicating with children

The most popular category of sexual searches is "Youth"



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Stage 1: Targeting a Victim

Predators scour the internet for children who seem vulnerable and weak

Prime victims will have...

Emotional neediness
Isolated tendencies
Low self confidence
Little to no parental guidance/oversight

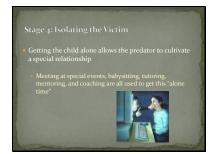
Stage 2: Gaining Victims Trust

• Predators want to gather as much information on a victim as they can to learn their tendencies, their likes and wants, and where the vulnerabilities are

• Social media profiles give ample information about interests in movies, music, location information, etc.

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Stage 5: Sexualizing the Relationship

After trust and dependence are gained predators can become more aggressive when it comes to sexualizing this new relationship

Predators want to shape the child's sexual preferences

Use sex and excitement to fuel the relationship and keep child interested

Child subsequently comes to see themselves as mature and special

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Stage 6: Maintaining Control

Predators keep children silent about the abuse by using...

Threats

Blame

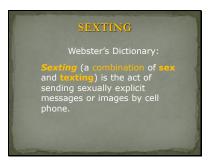
Humiliation
Fear

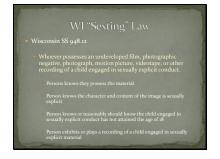
Manipulation
Emotional Dependency





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This one action can result in multiple felonies in less than a minute.

Taking a child pornographic photo is production of child pornography.

Sending it is distribution of child pornography.

Everyone who keeps the photo on his or her phone could be charged with possession of child pornography.

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It requires everyone's Parents need to be more involved in the situations children put themselves into. Prosecution and Law Enforcement need to find the best avenues to deal with the offenders. Schools and the Community need to take a stand to help educate and cooperate with Law Enforcement/Prosecution.

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Consequences Human Resource personnel are scouring the internet during the hiring process. Colleges are now searching the social networking sites and the internet to see what is posted about prospective students. The actions of sexting may stay with them for the rest of their life.



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