

How can you keep your kids safe?

There are many ways to keep your kids safe online but the most effective way is simply to talk to them.

Never assume, find out what your kids are doing online.

Explain to your kids what they should not do on the internet and what they can do.

Make sure they are not posting information and/or photos online that reveal too much information.

Explain the dangers of chatting with people they do not know.

Talk to them about using social networking sites and what they should do to protect themselves.

Encourage your kids to use sites that are safe and age appropriate.

Go online with your children to show them, rather than just telling them, what they should do.

If you have information or tips about child predators online contact:



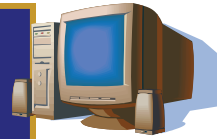
Metro

Emergency : 911

Non Emergency: 304-348-8111

NCMEC cyber tip line

www.missingkids.com



Anonymous internet tip

www.charlestonwvpolice.org

Charleston Police Department
304-348-6400 (Records)

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Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce



Putting Kids First

Help us protect your
children on the internet

WV ICAC TASK FORCE



THE ICAC TASK FORCE PROGRAM

In 1998, the Missing Children's Program of The United States Office Of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) initiated the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program, a national effort to combat the threat of offenders who use the Internet to sexually exploit children.

Through this program, state and local law enforcement agencies can acquire the skills, equipment and personnel resources to respond effectively to ICAC offenses.

The program encourages law enforcement agencies to develop specialized multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency responses to prevent, interdict, investigate, and prosecute Internet crimes against children.

The program is currently composed of 46 Regional Task Force agencies. Each Task Force is composed of federal, state, and local law enforcement personnel.



The **Charleston Police Department** is dedicated to protecting our children. We have made efforts to show this dedication by working closely with agencies from around the state. In these efforts we have been successful in prosecuting child predators. One major step taken by the Charleston Police Department was joining the State of West Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. We joined this Task Force in 2008 in hopes of making a joint effort to stop Child Predators from preying on our children. This joint effort has been very successful to date with a near 100% conviction rate.



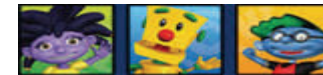
One of the most valuable resources is the Cyber Tip Line that is operated by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The National Center's Cyber Tip Line is a reporting mechanism for cases of child sexual exploitation, which receives approximately 2000 tips per week. The WV ICAC TASK FORCE routinely receives complaints from NCMC and aggressively acts upon these tips.



Sexting

Many youth believe that anything that they want to do with their bodies and their phones is their business. They enjoy the freedom and privacy that cell phones give them from parents/guardians. 1 in 5 teens report that they have sent sexually suggestive images or messages. However, when youth engage in sexting, the sending or posting of nude or partially nude images of minors, the law takes a very different view. Help your children avoid the potential life consequences of sexting by learning more about the issue and talking to your children before they put themselves in a compromising position. **Find out more at NetSmartz.org**

Just a few Safe Internet sites for children



- **NetSmartz.org**
- **McGruff.org**
- **What'swhat.me**
- **Pbskids.org**