

The Internet - What's The Catch?

Analogy: Ocean & The Internet

- _ The ocean is a dangerous place and also a place to be enjoyed by the whole family for all sorts of activities.
- _ Children need to be educated about the dangers and given appropriate assistance.
- _ There are even some places that are too dangerous for adults!
- _ Utilise it if you think you need it and can keep safe but be aware of the dangers

“The prudent sees danger and
hides himself, but the simple go
on and suffer for it.”

Proverbs 22:3

Use it wisely.

Quick survey

- _ How many hours is the Internet being used at home per day? Less than (a)1 hour (b)2-3 hours (c) 4+ hours
- _ What is the internet being used for?
 - _ Work
 - _ Email
 - _ Homework
 - _ Talking to friends
 - _ Games
 - _ Shopping
 - _ Don't know
- _ Who knows what a Bit Torrent is?
- _ Who has a Facebook account?
- _ Who plays World of Warcraft?
- _ Who has been scammed on the Internet?

Services of the Internet

- _ Social networking
- _ Multiplayer games
- _ Peer-to-peer
- _ IM & chat
- _ Mobile phones
- _ Discussion forums
- _ Video
- _ Blogs
- _ Music
- _ Webcams
- _ Banking
- _ Shopping
- _ Email
- _ Research
- _ News
- _ Genealogy
- _ Learning

Social Networking

- _ “Social Networking sites encourage people to create profiles about themselves and then communicate with others and form online networks of friends” NetAlert
- _ E.g. Facebook, MySpace, Bebo
- _ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_social_networking_websites
- _ Chat with people, find friends, share photos and Videos

- _ Young people love it because they can communicate with friends from the comfort of their own computer.
- _ Choose who you interact with
- _ An area that they have full control over e.g. “pimping page” and express their own creative thoughts in blogs.

Advantages

- _ *Keep connected with friends*
- _ *Get updated with news about family*

Disadvantages

- _ *Gossip*
- _ *Time wasting*
- _ *Personal details -> exploited*
- _ *Cyber bullying - comments*
- _ *Isolated if you don't have it*

Online Games

- _ Download some software and create an avatar.
- _ Play against people around the world
- _ Some require a subscription & some include chatrooms
- _ E.g. Poker, World of Warcraft, Runescape

Advantages

- _ *Fun*
- _ *Way to relax*

Disadvantages

- _ *Privacy*
- _ *Age-appropriate content e.g. Violence*
- _ *Addictive especially if subscription based*
- _ *Contact with strangers*

Peer to Peer

- _ Online communities where members share files located on their own computers. There is no central computer where files are stored.
- _ You need to have special software installed on your computer which allows you to download files from others' computers and share your own files.
- _ Music, pictures and movie files are commonly shared.
- _ E.g. Bearshare, Limewire, Kazaa

Advantages

- _ *Allow music and movies etc. to be downloaded for free*
- _ *There are often no limits to the amount of downloads you can get*

Disadvantages

- _ *Viruses*
- _ *Spyware – small applications which install themselves without you knowing and send the data back*

somewhere else.

_ Most files are illegal

Instant Messaging & Chat

- _ A chat room is a place where people can meet and communicate by typing message*
 - _ Messages that are types appear instantly*
 - _ The majority of chat rooms are open but some are moderated*
 - _ Instant messaging is similar but you usually add friends that you know to your list.*
 - _ You can see if they are online <http://www.bigpond.com/chat/rooms/>*
- <http://livelife.ninemsn.com.au/messenger>

_ E.g. MSN Messenger, Google Talk, Yahoo! Messenger, CUL8R, ROFL, AFAIK, LOL

Advantages

- _ Good way to keep in contact whilst doing other things for free*
- _ Files can easily be transferred*
- _ Private or public conversations can take place*

Disadvantages

- _ Cyberbullying*
- _ Conversations can be with strangers*
- _ Can be addictive and time consuming*

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=seOOyMvG99w>

Mobile Internet

- _ Electronic devices (e.g. Mobile phones) which connect to the Internet via a wireless link.*
- _ 3G devices are fast enough to stream video, audio and graphics*
- _ Play digital music*
- _ Can also take photos and e-mail it immediately*

<http://www.telstra.com.au/nextgnetwork/experience/index.htm>

- _ The current BIG thing! All Internet technologies in your pocket on your phone!*
- _ The number of Australian mobile phone users will grow by 7.4% to 19.2 million in 2005, with service revenue growing at a slightly faster rate of 8.4% to \$8.7 billion.*
- _ *Growth in the next five years will be primarily coming from 3G users, who will constitute a mere 5% of Australia's mobile user base this year but are expected to make up one in three of all mobile phone users in 2009.*

31 May 2005 <http://www.itwire.com/content/view/1441/2/>

Advantages

- _ Check your e-mail away from your office*
- _ Work in other locations*

Disadvantages

- _ Lack of parental supervision*
- _ Potential unlimited access to inappropriate material*
- _ Stalking and bullying*
- _ High expense*

Web 2.0

- _ Web.1 was a massive library*
- _ Accessing and downloading*

- _ Download speed higher than upload
- Web.1 World of Information
Web.2 A place to Live

- _ Web.2 Is about interaction
- _ Living, working, relationships
- _ Self expression communication
- _ Uploading is as important as downloading

Discussion Forums

- _ A user registers for a forum and then can post discussions on a variety of topics.

<http://www.thechristadelphians.org/forum/>

Banking

- _ Pay your bills, check your transactions, transfer money to accounts
- _ E.g. StGeorge Online, NetBank

Advantages

- _ *Can do banking without leaving your home*
- _ *Don't have to wait in long queues or get there by 4pm!*

Disadvantages

- _ *Fraud*
- _ *Scams*

Family History

- _ Research your genealogy on the Internet.
- _ Get in touch

<http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/>

<http://www.familytreeresearch.com/eflp/family+tree+research/pid212880/D727545/C0>

Internet Safety Issues

- _ - privacy of personal details
- _ - copyright & piracy
- _ - inappropriate content
- _ - social changes & online friendships
- _ - communicating in public including recognition on demand + amusing themselves to death
- _ - financial risks
- _ - harassment & bullying
- _ - time wasting & addiction
- _ - physical danger

Cyberbullying

- _ Talent Show <http://youtube.com/watch?v=seOQyMvG99w>
- _ Kitchen <http://youtube.com/watch?v=QYaWNYXpBis>

Tips

- _ *Parents ask to see your child's profile*
- _ *Keep your information private*

- _ *Think twice before posting a comment*
- _ *Don't always believe what you see or what people say to you – fake photos, humour*
- _ *Be careful who you communicate with*
- _ *Report to an adult you trust if you are upset by content*

Sexual Exploitation

- _ The Internet has helped to enrich our lives in many ways, however, it has also provided child predators with a new way to reach potential victims and commit crimes.
- _ According to a U.S. Department of Justice study, of the estimated 24 million child Internet-users, one in five has received unwanted sexual solicitations, with teen girls being the primary target.
- _ Exchange <http://youtube.com/watch?v=Tcw8n8CuSK8>
- _ Acronyms
<http://youtube.com/watch?v=1li031A7Dul>

Personal Details

- _ Sixty-one percent of 13-17 year olds have a personal profile on a social networking site and half have also posted pictures of themselves. Teen girls are particularly at risk -- of 1 in 7 youth who received a sexual solicitation or approach over the Internet, 70 percent were girls.
- _ Everyone Knows Your Name <http://youtube.com/watch?v=LOJ7AlkYmh4>
- _ Bulletin Board
http://youtube.com/watch?v=E_imoz6A7Ks

Inappropriate content

- _ Ad Council research shows the majority of parents, 70-80%, have serious concerns about age-inappropriate television content. However, according to a Kaiser Generation M study, 53% of 8-18 year-olds say their families have no rules about TV watching.
 - _ Boss of Dominatrix <http://youtube.com/watch?v=7lqQjDGdUno>
 - _ Boss of Drugs <http://youtube.com/watch?v=Y4WW-ZxHb6A>
 - _ Boss of Mob
<http://youtube.com/watch?v=OpP1QUYG3bU>
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Internet Safety Quiz for Adults

- _ 1. Where is the best place to locate your family computer?
 - a. Child's bedroom
 - b. Family Room
 - c. Home office in remote area of house

- _ 2. Which is the best example of how to protect your children online?
 - a. Post clear, simple, easy-to-read house rules on or near the monitor and supervise your child's online activity
 - b. Only allow your child to use the computer at the public library or school
 - c. Do not allow your child to "surf" the Internet without having a friend nearby

- _ 3. Your children are completely safe if they only visit child-friendly chatrooms.
 - a. True
 - b. False

- _ 4. What should you do if your children tell you that someone they have "met" online has asked for their telephone number and wants to meet them in person?
 - a. Take away their computer privileges

- b. Praise them for being honest with you about this information and discuss with them the reasons why it is unsafe to meet in person with someone they have first met online without your supervision
- c. Tell them that it's okay to meet their friend as long as you know where they are going

_ 5. Of the choices below, which is the worst screen name for a child?

- a. katie_ny13
- b. CuteLitlAngel
- c. BlueEyes1986

_ 6. How many children received a sexual solicitation or approach over the Internet in a oneyear period of time?

- a. 1 in 7 children
- b. 1 in 100 children
- c. 1 in 500 children

_ 7. If you are not familiar with computers and the Internet you should

- a. Take a basic class to become familiar with them
- b. Sit down with your children to have them show you web sites they visit and how they navigate through the world wide web
- c. Both

_ 8. What should you do if you suspect online "stalking" or sexual exploitation of a child?

- a. Ignore it, and hope that it goes away
- b. Report it to your local law-enforcement agency and the CyberTipline®
- c. Change Internet Service Providers.

_ 9. It is OK for your children to post pictures of themselves on their own personal web site, especially if they promise to only give the web-site address to people they know.

- a. True
- b. False

Wise up to IT DVD

<http://www.wiseuptoit.com.au>

Discussion

- _ How do you know what is good and bad?
- _ What issues are most pertinent to families?
- _ Addiction – what can it be? how can you get addicted?
- _ Symptoms – how do you know if you or someone else is addicted
- _ Virtual world versus real world
- _ do God's principles still apply?
- _ Acting or role playing – is there a difference?
- _ Having a second life – two wives, two families, two communities etc.

Tip #1 - guidelines

- _ Prepare you children for the online world just as you would for the real world
- _ Establish guidelines and rules
- _ Make them aware of the Internet safety dangers
- _ Explain about responsibility

Tip #2 – learn about IT

- _ Learn about the Internet
- _ Familiarise yourself with what you children are doing

_ Talk with them about the benefits and dangers and how to make smart decisions

Tip #3 – Technical assistants

_ Use an internet protection – take control

_ Free government filter www.netaalert.gov.au Student cracks Government's \$84m porn filter
<http://www.news.com.au/dailytelegraph/story/0,,22304224-5005941,00.html>

_ Software filters e.g. NetNanny, Naomi <http://www.radiance.m6.net/>

_ Webshield - Christadelphian professionally run customisable filtered ISP www.webshield.net.au

Webshield – Filtered ISP

- We are using an active system which is currently rated as the best in the World.
- This service operates on a Black List Principle.
- Human Verifiers review and categorise thousands of sites per day.
- There are approximately 30 million sites on the Black list.
- Every 24 hours this list is updated.
- This allows people open access to the Internet yet minimizes the possibility of accessing obscene material.
- There are 72 different categories which can be blocked.

_ Safety Net

Open, filtered access to the Internet.

The Internet is the biggest anything anywhere and is growing everyday. As effective as our filtering is, it is impossible to filter everything.

Safety Net provides protection from known bad sites while allowing open access to the Internet.

Within Safety net you can choose any combination of over 90 Categories to block or pass.

Give us a call on 1300 309 121 to discuss your filtering needs.

_ Weave your own Web

White list only Internet Access.

Lock out the dangers of the Internet completely with your own custom made white list, or you can enjoy the convenience of our own white list which a few million safe sites.

Commonly accessed sites such as news, travel, education, ebay, government are all featured with new sites being added every day.

You can chose Weave your own Web as a permanent filtering option or you can select it at certain times of the day or week using our timed filtering profiles.

_ Timed Filtering Profiles

Do you want to control chat but not block it completely, do you want to tighten your filtering during the day but have a more convenient profile at night or after hours?

With Webshield timed filtering profiles you can:

Block chat during homework times

Deny access to hotmail, ebay, games during work time

Disable the Internet after 10pm or enforce an Internet free day on the weekend

_ You name it we can block it, pass it, timer it or shape it.

_ Will Webshield block good sites such as medical and breast cancer sites?

Only if you want us to, Webshield only blocks known bad sites, leaving medical sites open, however Webshield can block search words, URL key words as well as lock in Google safe search. once again we are not a censorship organisation we are here to give you choice.

Tip #4 - Monitor

_ Place the family's computer in a room where it can be supervised NOT in bedrooms

_ Limit your children's computer time

_ Check up with what the Internet is being used for

_ Praise children when they are acting responsibly

Tip #5 - Relationships

- _ Know who communicates with you children and explain they should only add friends that they know by face and who are approved by you. Reinforce that people are not always who they say they are when online
- _ Make sure you children know how dangerous it is to give out personal information such as mailing address or e-mail address.
- _ Stress that it is not safe to get together with someone they first meet online
- _ Encourage development of off line relationships and fulfill needs.

Useful site

- _ www.netalert.gov.au
- _ Many ideas and references are from this website provided by the Australia Government