

# Cyber-Safety

NEWS AND INFORMATION TO HELP KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

## What is... Internet Lingo



Here is a quick guide to help you translate what your teen is saying online and in their cell phone text messages:

POS	Parent Over Shoulder
PIR	Parent In Room
P911	Parent Alert
PAW	Parents Are Watching
PAL	Parents Are Listening
KPC	Keeping Parents Clueless
WYCM	Will You Call Me?
ASL	Age/Sex/Location
MorF	Male or Female
KFY	Kiss For You
MOOS	Member(s) Of the Opposite Sex
ADR	Address
LMIRL	Let's Meet In Real Life
HAK	Hugs And Kisses
ILU or ILY	I Love You
KOTL	Kiss On The Lips
SMIM	Send Me an Instant Message
SMEM	Send Me an E-Mail
WUF	Where Are You From?
WYRN	What's Your Real Name?
:)	Winking
:(	Crying
#-)	Wiped out, partied all night
%*}	Inebriated
%\	Hangover
8-#	Death
:-d~	Heavy smoker
:-><	Puckered up to kiss
:/i	No smoking

## Did You Know?

Sixty-four percent of online teens say that most teens do things online that they wouldn't want their parents to know about.\*

**Take a moment** and think about all the technology your teen uses on a regular basis. Computers, televisions, cell phones, gaming devices, "Blackberries," and iPods may come to the top of your mind. Have you ever asked yourself, "What does my teen do with all this 'stuff'?" That's a VERY good question! You've probably seen your teen doing homework, Instant Messaging (IM'ing) friends and listening to an iPod all at the same time. Multi-tasking at its finest—or is it?

It can be overwhelming to keep up with all of these advanced technologies. If you haven't paid enough attention to your teen's media and technology activities because you don't understand what they are doing, if you're intimidated by these new technologies, or you fear intruding on your teen's privacy, don't worry. We hear you. These newsletters on cyber-safety will lead up to the May 7, 2007 parent workshop called, Keeping Your Children Safe in the Cyber-World.

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## In the Next Issue: Social Networking

Find out why teens are so hooked with "hanging-out" and what you can do to help them steer clear of trouble.

\* Pew Internet & American Life Project, Protecting Teens Online, March 17, 2005