

A young boy with dark hair is looking at a computer monitor. The monitor displays a drawing of a landscape with trees and a sky. The background is dark blue.

# Keeping Your Children Safer Online

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National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

# http://www.missingkids.com

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**Help Now**

- Report a Sighting
- CyberTipline
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**Resources for**

- Parents
- Law Enforcement
- Attorneys

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# CyberTipline Activity

## CyberTipline Weekly Activity Report #520 (March 17, 2008 - March 23, 2008)\*

Total Number of reports made by the public (CyberTipline 1): 1,431

Total Number of reports made by ISPs (CyberTipline 2): 858

Type of Incident*	Weekly	Project to Date***
Child Pornography	1,971	502,450
Child Prostitution	20	6,404
Child Sex Tourism	6	2,714
Child Sexual Molestation (not in the family)	42	14,026
Online Enticement of Children for Sexual Acts	178	35,864
Unsolicited Obscene Material Sent to a Child ****	17	6,398
Misleading Domain Name*****	55	6,966
<b>Total # of Reports **</b>	<b>2,289</b>	<b>574,822</b>

\*As selected by reporting person/caller when completing this form.

\*\*Blank Reports (included in total): 2,088 (Since March 9, 1998)

\*\*\*Since March 9, 1998

\*\*\*\* Since Sept. 1, 2002

\*\*\*\*\* Since April 20, 2004



**USPIS**



**FBI**



**ICE**



**USSS**



**ICAC**



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Reporting Person (255)

Approximate Date and Time of Incident - **REQUIRED**

Month:  Day:  Year:  Hour:  Min:  Time Zone:

Type of Incident - **REQUIRED**

Location of Incident (City & State where incident occurred)

First Name:  Last Name:

Address:  City:

State:  Postal Code:  Country:

E-mail address:

Phone # (work):  Additional Phone # (not available for callback):

Relationship to Child:

[www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com)

Hotline Operators receive online reports



NCMEC Analysts review reports



Reports are Submitted to Law Enforcement

# CyberTipline

## 42 U.S.C. § 5771(11)

# Risks Children Face Online

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- Sexually abusive images of children
- Adult Pornography
- Online Enticement
- Cyberbullying
- Information Sharing: SNS



# How is a Child Lured?

Subject: Wazz up!  
Date: Sat, 01 Jan 2000 23:06:00 -0800  
From:  
Organ [REDACTED]  
To:  
References: 1 , 2 , 3 , 4 , 5 , 6 , 7 , 8 , 9 , 10 , 11 , 12 , 13 , 14 , 15 , 16

Hey Crystal Dear I loveyou.

Wazz up, I love ya., Your very sexy and I'll like to meet ya later and we could make out and go camping and sleep naked in my sleeping bag, and keep hot.the pics I like areand have your sister and some of your girlfriends in the pics and take sexy pics too, Tanktops/topless/naked/bra&Undies/PJ's/ sexy outfits/ in the Shower/ with girl friends/ and what ever you want/ bikini's/wet-shirt & undies/  
P.S. if you can try to ask for a Video Camera and dont forget file ok  
babe I love ya

# Explicit Letter Mailed to Child

Dear Krystal, I LOVE YOU! I do so  
NAAA AAAA? I'm just gonna tell you  
before you get my pic, I think I'm ugly  
and over-weight. I'm guessing you don't  
wanna see me anymore. I really  
love you and I know you're the one. I'm  
watching the coolest music Empire Records.  
So how are you? I'm doing pretty good.  
I just went shopping, then again you  
do everyday. Lets talk about sex  
some more. OK I'm gonna strip you  
naked and lick your whole body, then

hard, then do it all in the tub.  
Send me some pic of you, then  
nude. I might not see your friends  
when I go. Though I want to. I  
just watched South Park and it is  
as funny as hell. Will you marry me?  
I mean in real life when we're 17, 18.  
I hope? I miss you, ALOT. Listen to  
that KC and Joe Joe song and you'll  
see how I feel

I Love You, David

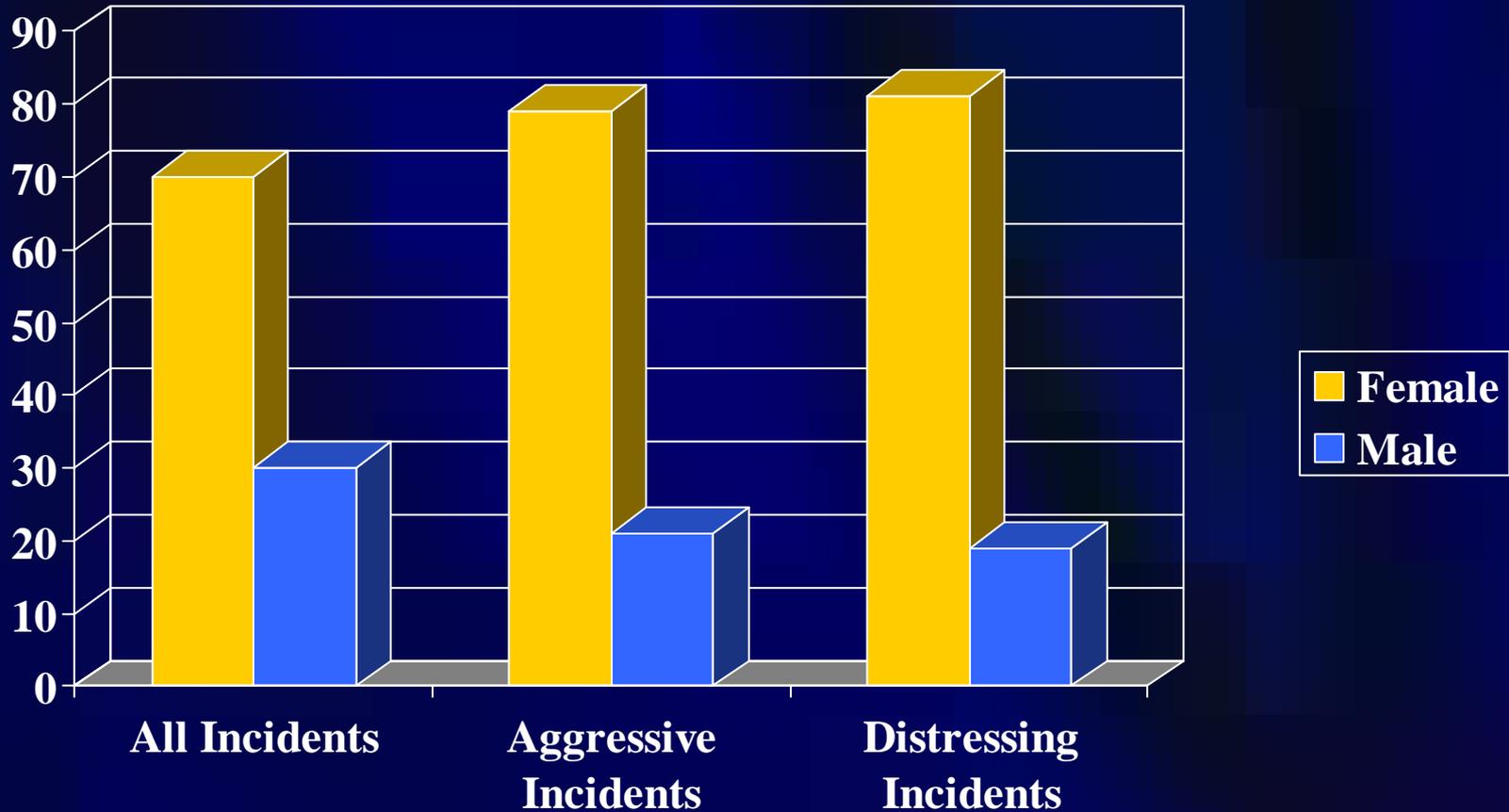
PS: Don't forget the pics.

# Online Enticement

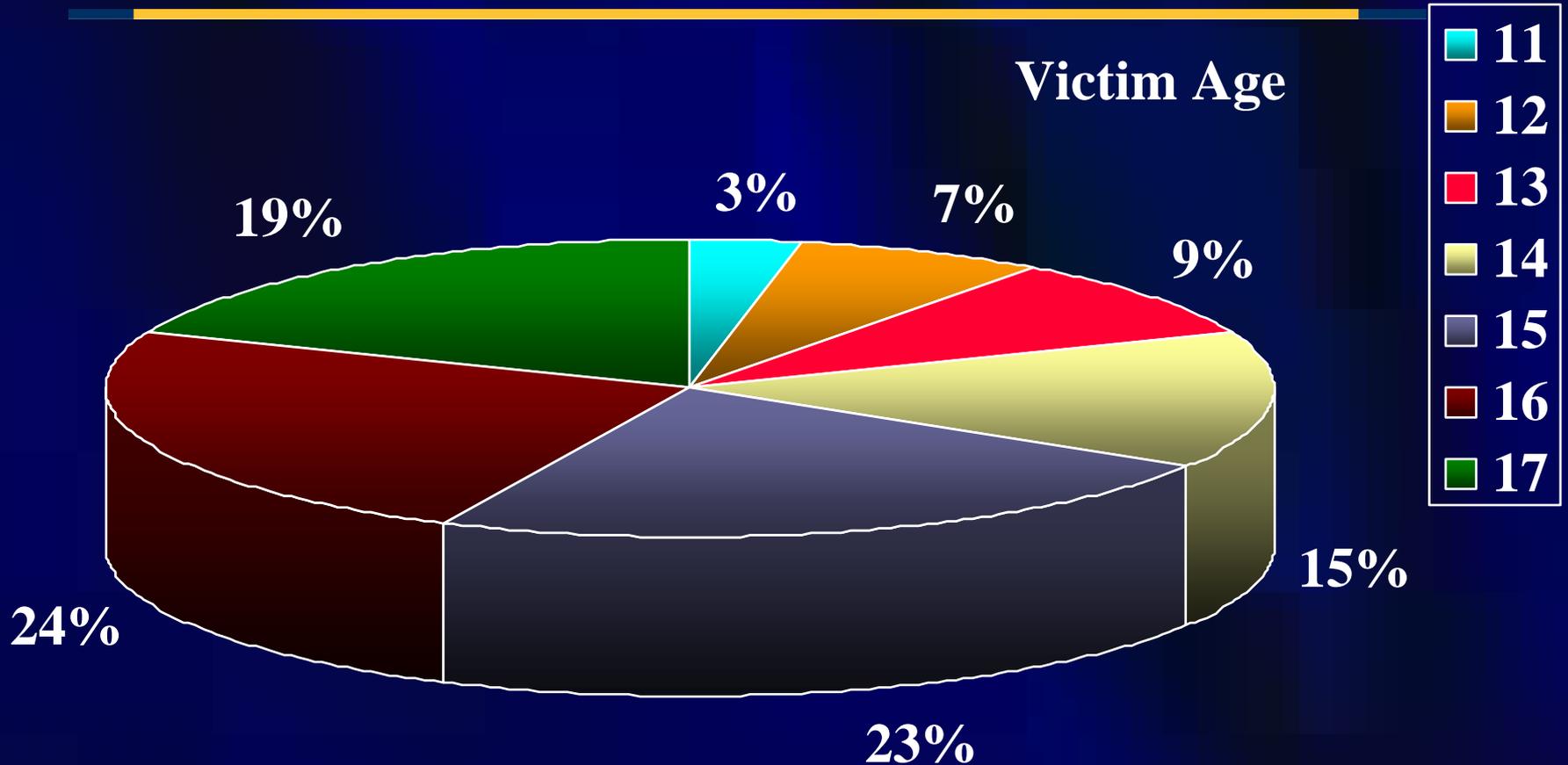
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- In 2006, one in seven children received unwanted online requests to engage in sexual activities or to provide intimate sexual information.
- There was no decrease in aggressive sexual solicitations (where the solicitor asked to meet the child in person, called the child on the phone, or sent the child mail, money, or other gifts offline) from the prior 2000 study.
- In more than half of the cases, the child did not tell anyone.

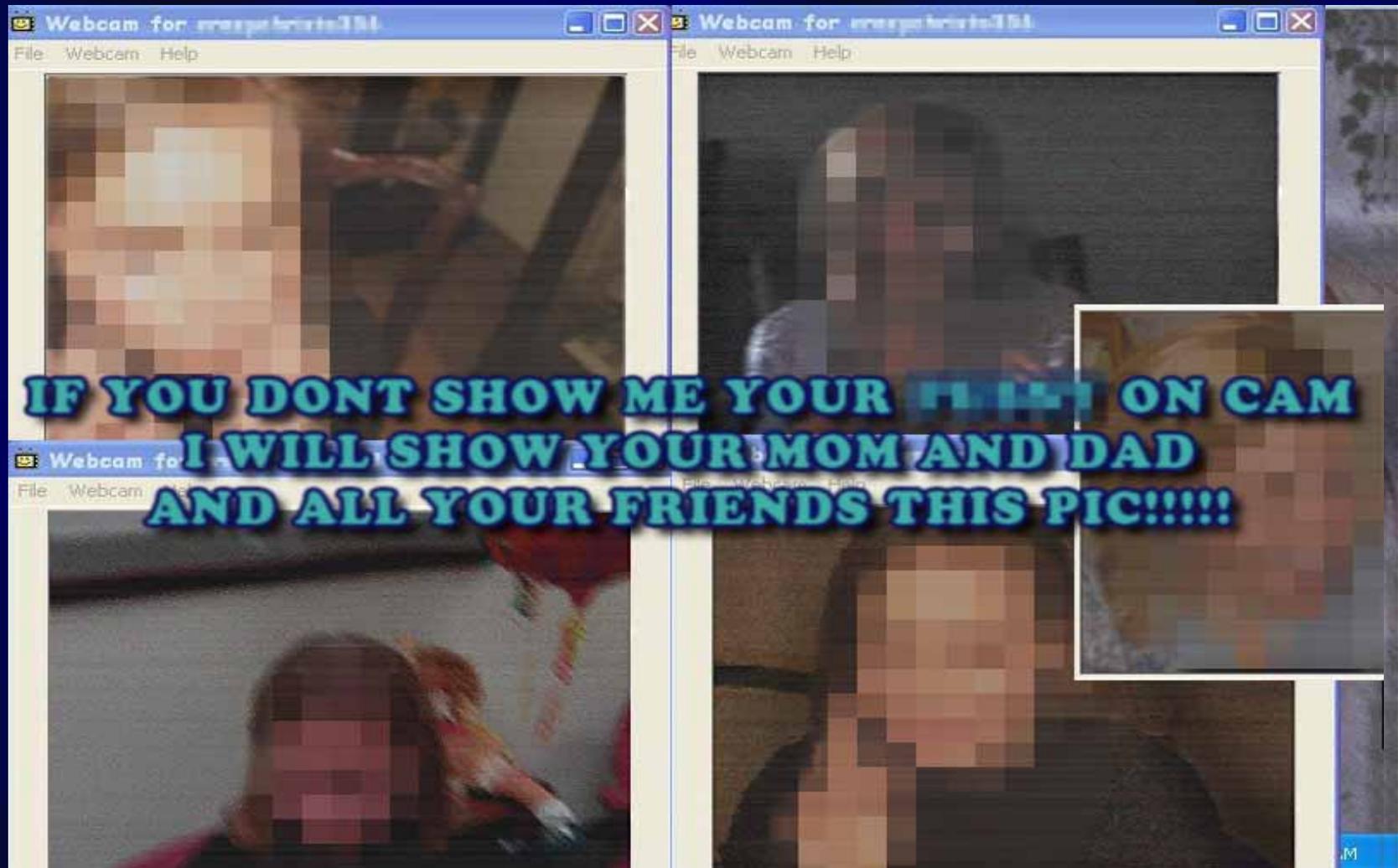
# Victim Gender Breakdown



# Victim Age Breakdown: All Incident Types



# Online Enticement



# CyberBullying

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## About me:

hi my names [REDACTED] . im me sometime.... [REDACTED] xx or call me [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] .....i like it when guys stalk me. i love it when they call me over and over asking for sex. talk dirty to me baby.

## Who I'd like to meet:

anyone who wants to [REDACTED] me.....or get theyre [REDACTED] |. anywhere anythime....im down for anything. [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] I [REDACTED] Love [REDACTED] With No [REDACTED] , It Feels So [REDACTED] Good!!

# Social Networking Sites



# Children Put Themselves at Risk

Home | Browse | Search | Invite | Film | Mail | Blog | Favorites | Forum | Groups | Events | Videos | Music | Classifieds

[L.T.G.C.]



"omg for theriously, you're crathy (:"

Female  
16 years old  
FTB, VIRGINIA  
United States

Last Login:  
6/5/2006

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Contacting desiree [L.T.G.C.]

- Send Message
- Forward to Friend
- Add to Friends
- Add to Favorites
- Instant Message
- Block User
- Add to Group
- Rank User

MySpace URL:

<http://www.myspace.com> [Redacted]

Over My Head Cable Car +add+  
The Fry +view+

[L.T.G.C.] is in your extended network

[L.T.G.C.]'s Latest Blog Entry [[Subscribe to this Blog](#)]

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[L.T.G.C.]'s Blurbs

About me:

THE SUN IS NEVER DOWN  
WHEN I'M AROUND (:

Yeahhh, my name is [Redacted]. I may come off us preppy and stupid... sometimes that's true. I'm actually really sweet and awesome if you get to know me. Some people can tell where I came from by the way I talk and some can't, I'm actually from the Hills in California. Though my main friends live in Hawaii and I do plan to come back one day. I just moved to Virginia and I'm moving again to Greece really soon. I like skateboarding and shopping, but I'm down for anything.

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[L.T.G.C.]'s Interests

<b>General</b>	skateboarding video games shopping chillin music
<b>Music</b>	the good stuff (:
<b>Heroes</b>	Mainly, My close friends [:
<b>Groups:</b>	<b>If your against racism JOIN, ii NO RiKA!, HaWaIi PrIdE, sk8r chyz v sk8r boiiz, sk8terz, .....!! tha coolest fuckin group !!....., .....GuaRaNte eD fRewNz foR effUR....., emo people rock o_o</b> <a href="#">View All desiree [L.T.G.C.]'s Groups</a>

[L.T.G.C.]'s Details

<b>Status:</b>	Single
<b>Here for:</b>	Friends
<b>Hometown:</b>	The Hills, California
<b>Zodiac Sign:</b>	Pisces

[L.T.G.C.]'s Friend Space

[L.T.G.C.] has 227 friends.

# Tips for Teens

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- Internet Safety is a two way street
- Protect your online identity and reputation
- Report to [CyberTipline.com](http://CyberTipline.com)
- Think before you post
  - Archives retain data for many years
  - Employers & Colleges research applicants

# Tips for Parents

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- Educate yourself on Technology
  - NetSmartz411
  - Utilize your teens knowledge!
- Be prepared
  - Teens will talk to online strangers!
  - Listen and provide support
  - Don't over-react
  - Report to [CyberTipline.com](http://CyberTipline.com)

## Welcome to NetSmartz411

### Introduction

 NetSmartz411 is parents' and guardians' premier, online resource for answering questions about Internet safety, computers, and the Web.

[Learn More »](#)

Search our knowledge base for answers to all of your questions about the online world! If you can't find what you're looking for, use the "Ask the Experts" tab to send us a new question.



### Read or Search Library



Search for answers for:

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- What do online abbreviations/acronyms mean?
- Where can I find ratings of web sites for age-appropriateness and content?
- How can I track what my children or other people are looking at on our computer?
- What is a blog? What is blogging? What is a web log?
- What is monitoring software?
- How do I access my child's MySpace® profile?
- What is online grooming?
- What can parents do to keep children safer while gaming online?
- Is it unsafe to post family pictures of children online?
- What are some tips for safer webcam use?

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## Library



### What do online abbreviations/acronyms mean?

You may see a child or teenager typing furiously during an instant messaging (IM) session and when you peek over their shoulder – you see only short or fractured words. It almost looks like an entirely new language. What does it mean? These abbreviated words, known as acronyms or online lingo, are shorthand for common phrases used in spoken English. Below is a list of common acronyms:

143: I love you  
AIS!: as I see it  
ASL: age/sex/location  
BF: boyfriend  
BRB: be right back  
BTW: by the way  
F2f: face to face  
GF: girlfriend  
IDK: I don't know  
IMO: in my opinion  
INDB: it's no big deal  
IRL: in real life  
ISS: I said so  
JK: just kidding  
K: okay  
KIT: keep in touch  
LDR: long distance relationship  
LMIRL: let's meet in real life  
LOL: laughing out loud  
M/F: male or female  
N/P: no problem  
NTK: nice to know

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## Ask an Expert



### Important Note



This form is only for asking a NetSmartz411 Expert a question about online safety.

If you have information that will help in the fight against child sexual exploitation please use the [CyberTipline](#) or call

[1-800-THE-LOST](tel:1-800-THE-LOST)



Last name:

First name:

(optional)

Phone number:

(optional)

Email address:

Your question:

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Nuestros expertos hablan Español. Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor sometala y nosotros le responderemos.

Any Questions?

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