

## Dealing with Internet Hazards How To Protect Your Kids from Online Bullies and Predators

Are you afraid of Internet dangers like child predators, online bullying, or kids putting too much private information online? You might want to avoid the problem by keeping your kid off the Internet, but you really can't. Your child may need to do it for school, your library and community center probably offer free access, plus socializing online is normal for teens and for younger kids as well.

Government and law enforcement do their part to protect you from the most dangerous online elements, but you are still the first line of defense protecting your children. Dealing with online hazards may be both scary and a challenge for you and your family, but it is a reality for any parent of an online child.

According to Internet expert and author Dr. Todd Curtis, you don't have to be afraid of these online dangers, and there is plenty that you or your children can do to keep your entire family safe and happy online.

Dr. Curtis will reveal to your audience specific actions they can take, plus key insights from his book *PARENTING AND THE INTERNET*, including:

- What is the safest way for your child to use popular online services like instant messaging, social networking sites like Facebook, and photo and video sharing sites like YouTube and Flickr.
- How to tell if your child is being bullied online, or if your child is acting like an online bully, and what you should do about it.
- How you can tell if someone online is acting like a child predator and what you or your child should do if it happens.
- Why you and your child should learn how and when to use an online alias, and how an alias can protect you from harassment and harm.

**CREDENTIALS:** Dr. Todd Curtis is a noted safety expert and creator of the web's most popular aviation safety site, AirSafe.com. He has appeared on CBS, CNN, Fox News, New York Times, CNBC, MSNBC, BBC, The Independent (London) CBC, Discovery Channel, Wall Street Journal, and Voice of America. His latest book is *PARENTING AND THE INTERNET: The Guide for Raising Your Child to Be Smarter and Safer Online*.

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