

Terminology

Digital Document – any document that can be stored electronically such as, but not limited to photos, videos, research papers, etc.

Cyberbullying – when someone sends offensive / threatening messages or posts rude and damaging comments about another person.

Identity theft – if your child reveals information about himself/herself on their profile, he/she could be vulnerable to identity thieves.

Avatar—Graphical representation of yourself—could be a male, female, animal, robot, or even a plate of spaghetti.

Virtual Worlds—is a genre of online community that often takes the form of a computer-based simulated environment, through which users can interact with one another and use and create objects

Concerns

Inappropriate and harmful content – if your son or daughter is participating in a virtual environment, they need to understand that some content might not be appropriate for their age or maturity.

Damaging their reputation in real life – anything your child publishes on the Web now could be there forever and seen by anyone.

Presentation Information, Handouts, and Q&A:
<http://wordpress.hayscisid.net/it/internetsafety>

Online Resources:

YouTube:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/YouTube>
<http://www.common sense media.org/youtube-and-your-kids>
<http://www.komando.com/kids/tip.aspx?id=6127>

Photo and Video Sharing:

<http://tcs.cybertipline.com/knowthedangers8.htm>
Look under Terms and Conditions of each site for specific information on how photos or videos are handled.

Online Gaming:

www.esrb.org/index-js.jsp
www.olganon.org/
www.getgamesmart.com
www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~jenchan/index.html
www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~jenchan/SelfTest.html
<http://news.cnet.com/2100-1040-881673.html>

Virtual Worlds:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virtual_world
<http://www.noslang.com/index.php>
<http://www.cbsnews.com/elements/2006/06/05/gentech/whoswho1681964.shtml>

Check out other upcoming topics:

Part II Webinar on Digital Documents

Learn how YouTube, photo and video sharing, and online gaming/virtual worlds can affect future jobs, college acceptance, etc.

WHEN Feb 4, 7-8pm **Access the URL from** <http://www.hayscisid.net>

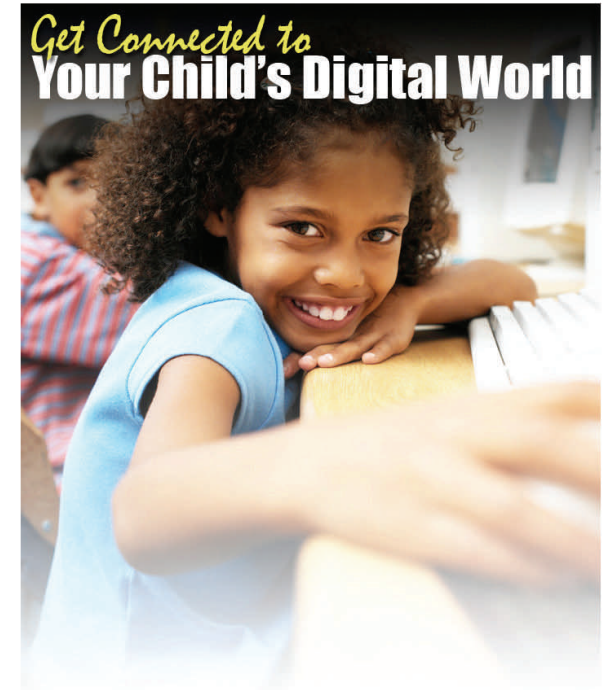
Part III guest speaker Attorney General's Office

Hear about Internet Safety & Awareness from what children do online, and the legal issues regarding cyber bullying and sexting.

WHEN Apr 12, 6:30-7:30pm **WHERE** Performing Arts Center

Services Offered Translator & Onsite Child Care

Hays CISD Instructional Technology
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Part II Digital Documents

YouTube, Photo and Video Sharing,
and Online Gaming/Virtual Worlds

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YouTube

Description:

A video sharing website that offers anyone with internet connectivity access to video clips. Registered users are able to upload video clips, however anyone with online access has viewing privileges of the site's content.

Pros:

- ✓ Enables any internet user to share videos to audiences worldwide.
- ✓ A communication medium for high-profile individuals (i.e. celebrities, politicians)
- ✓ Offers a wide range of content that a significant number of visitors to the site consider "resourceful".
- ✓ Several individuals refer to the site to gather how-to references to learn about particular tasks.

Cons:

- ✓ Some consider the site guilty of allowing copyright infringement.
- ✓ There are those who post damaging content to others; at times resulting in cyberbullying and harassment.
- ✓ Although nudity is not allowed on the website, there are still some clips that contain mature content and adolescents are exposed to them.
- ✓ In some instances, content is posted without the consent of all those present in the video.

Parental Suggestions:

- ✓ Discuss with your child their motivation for visiting the website.
- ✓ Set parental expectations over what type of content viewed on the site is appropriate and what is not allowed.
- ✓ Be aware of what types of videos your child is posting and assure that it's not going to tarnish their image.
- ✓ If your children are younger, you could suggest alternative websites to YouTube. There are some video sharing websites similar to YouTube but are limited to offering only age-appropriate content.

Photo and Video Sharing

Description:

Photo and Video Sharing websites have become a popular form of showcasing the fun events going on in families and among friends. All sites require a registration process, some offer free (limited) storage of photos, while others charge a yearly fee to host your images.



Parental Suggestions:

- ✓ Research how much the site you are interested in costs to post pictures/video.
- ✓ Determine who has the rights to post the pictures and who maintains those rights once they are posted.
- ✓ Find out what happens to your images once you delete them.
- ✓ Discuss with your child (even the ones in college and beyond) the impact posting photos and videos online could have with future job offers and companies.
- ✓ Investigate the settings on sites (such as Facebook) to only show pictures to friends, not friends of friends.
- ✓ Be smart about what you post online!

Online Gaming

Pros:

- ✓ Engaging
- ✓ Stimulating
- ✓ Imaginative
- ✓ Self esteem booster
- ✓ Outlet for stress



Cons:

- ✓ Can be addictive
- ✓ Exposure to predators
- ✓ Expensive
- ✓ Exposure to inappropriate language
- ✓ Exposure to identity theft



Parent Console Controls:

- ✓ Set console game ratings
- ✓ Set timer
- ✓ Create a pass code
- ✓ And various other options

Parent On-Line Controls:

- ✓ Set chat parameters
- ✓ Set access by other gamers
- ✓ Set profile accessibility
- ✓ And much more. . .

Household Guidelines:

- ✓ Create a Use Contract
- ✓ School First
- ✓ Establish time limitations
- ✓ Require active breaks
- ✓ Encourage other activities



Virtual Worlds

Pros:

- ✓ Can be used for educational purposes
- ✓ Business Training
- ✓ Military Training
- ✓ Political Expression
- ✓ Online Communities with common interests to interact with each other
- ✓ Teaching members about e-commerce and business transactions

Cons:

- ✓ Interacting with predators
- ✓ Participating in unethical activities
- ✓ No official age verification
- ✓ Temptation to purchase items with credit cards
- ✓ Youth's perception of reality in comparison to virtual world
- ✓ Provocative creations of Avatar