



Michigan CSI

(Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative)



The Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative features customized Internet safety presentations for kindergarten through eighth-grade students and a community seminar for adults. Since the program's establishment, more than one million citizens have benefited from Michigan CSI programming.

The primary theme of the kindergarten through third grade presentations is the "3 Keeps." Students are instructed to (1) *Keep Safe* by carefully guarding their personal information online; (2) *Keep Away* from Internet strangers; and (3) *Keep Telling* parents or a trusted adult about anything that makes them uncomfortable. These presentations feature videos from Common Sense Media, Sesame Street, and BrainPOP Jr., which emphasize how to recognize and respond to bullying.

Fourth and fifth graders are taught to recognize common Internet predator grooming techniques, as well as additional appropriate responses to bullying. Dynamic videos are provided compliments of SweetHigh, the Ad Council, the National Crime Prevention Council, ShakeState, and Ahmir.

Sixth through eighth-grade students are cautioned against posting personal details on social networking sites and sending sexually inappropriate images via text message. They are also taught the potentially devastating consequences of bullying and encouraged to stand up for peers who need support. Thought-provoking videos are provided compliments of the Ad Council, Trend Micro, NetSmartz, KSL News, and Keenan West.

Students in kindergarten through eighth grade are provided with an Online Safety Contract to discuss with a parent(s) or guardian(s).

The community seminar provides practical tools, including Internet safety tips and how to:

- 1). Access the Michigan Sex Offenders Registry;
- 2). Understand the impact of digital footprints;
- 3). Recognizing the risks of sharing photos with embedded location information;
- 4). Understand the dangers and legal ramifications of sexting; and
- 5). Recognize bullying warning signs and develop a plan of action.

The primary theme of our middle school programming is "Standing Up For Student Safety." Traditional cyber safety topics and emerging student safety elements are incorporated. With regard to cyber safety, our presentations explore how online activity can impact a student's future. The student safety segments encourage students to pay attention to their surroundings and challenge them to take action if they notice threatening behavior.

Michigan CSI is offered in cooperation with Comcast. All program videos, handouts, and information are available on the Michigan CSI website at www.Mi.gov/csi. All programming is offered free of charge.

We look forward to working together to keep Michigan's children safe. Thank you for your interest in the Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative.

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