

## KPC – don't be a clueless parent

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Do you have any idea what the sentence above means? No? Well your children probably do.

Here's a translation: "Let's meet in real life. Are you over 18? Will you call me? Talk dirty to me. Face to face. Get naked on camera. Parents are watching."

But don't fear. Help is at hand.

A website, NetLingo.com, has published the top 50 SMS or online chat acronyms that parents need to know. Some of them are harmless like C-P, "sleepy", HAK, "hugs and kisses", and 459, "I love you".

There are many warning friends that a parent is around. Some of these are: CD9, "parents are around"; KPC, "keeping parents clueless"; MOS, "mom over shoulder"; P911, "parent alert"; PAL, "parents are listening"; PIR, "parent in room"; and POS, "parent over shoulder".

Other acronyms refer to pornographic acts like GYPO, "get your pants off"; MPFB, "my personal f\*\*\* buddy"; and NIFOC, "nude in front of the computer".

The link to the NetLingo site was sent out in the latest newsletter by Life Talk, an organisation raising awareness on issues affecting teenagers and parents.

Life Talk founder Izabella Little said the list was important as parents needed to be made aware of what their children could be getting up to online. "In the old days, it was so much easier to keep track of what your children were doing, but with technology the dangers are magnified because parents are being left behind. Even parents in their 30s are complaining they can't keep up with the technology."

She said her forum is picking up many cases where children are landing up in compromising situations because they don't think about the consequences of what they are doing. The cases of teenagers using their cellphones to video themselves in compromising sexual exploits is rising. - The Star

Read up more on <http://www.netlingo.com/top50/acronyms-for-parents.php> or [www.lifetalk.co.za](http://www.lifetalk.co.za)

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