



NTK: Need-to-Know Internet Language for Parents

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If your kids chat on the internet Sheriff Deputies have a wake-up call for you to learn their language.

B-T-W or by the way, knowing how they talk in chat rooms could keep your kids from being one of the estimated 20 percent of children asked for sex on the net.

Between cell phones and computers -- keeping up with your kids is tricky.

Sgt. Ken Becker heads a task force for Collier County Sheriffs Office that keeps track of talk that teens use to communicate on the on the internet.

"They're constantly changing and you certainly have to make an effort to stay on top of the lingo," Becker said. One of the biggest problems Becker says parents often are not around with their kids are typing away.

Nicholas Gavin uses the library computer and is sure his parents don't know internet jargon. "They're old school", Gavin said.

Just to test how well people in general know the language, we asked around, and teens passed with flying colors.

Question: Can you tell me what b-r-b means?

Answer: be right back... ttyl... talk to you later, the group of about 5 teenagers answered harmoniously.

In most cases their parents failed. Sheriff Deputies say the only real way to protect your kids from internet predators is understanding the lingo they use and keeping the lines of communication wide open.

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