

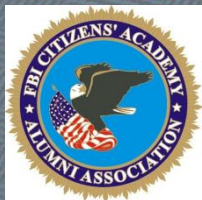
# Internet Safety

Concerned Adults Need to Know

Times have changed. With the proliferation of technology, come more opportunities for children to be exposed to numerous dangers that exist on the Internet, email, instant messaging and cell phones. Let's face it, kids seem to be able to adapt quickly to ever changing technology and outpace adults. Concerned adults should be aware these dangers exist, and cyber safety is a topic that should be discussed with their children in an effort to avoid these dangers.

The FBI tirelessly combats the dangers found in cyberspace in an effort to make our children safer. While the FBI works to keep our children safe, it is programs such as this that can create awareness and reduce the risks of crimes being committed.

The Citizens' Academy Alumni Association offers a presentation entitled "Internet Playground". This is an informational presentation designed to bridge the generation gap between how adults and children utilize technology, in particular the Internet. This presentation is for adults who are concerned about the potential dangers found with Internet use by children. The presentation highlights the value and necessary use of the Internet in today's society and offers practical ways to help reduce the potential dangers.



The Omaha FBI Citizens' Academy Alumni Association is a community-based and supported organization.

Distinct and separate from the FBI, designed to promote a safer community through community service projects and the process of educating business, labor, media, medical, minority, religious, government, senior citizens, and other community leaders about law enforcement, with particular emphasis on the mission, resources, and limitations of the FBI.



# Internet Playground

A seminar for parents on the issue of Internet child safety



# Who Are We?

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All members of the Alumni Association are graduates of the FBI Citizens' Academy. The FBI Citizens' Academy is a six week course in which participants learn about the FBI. Only graduates of the FBI Citizens' Academy are eligible for participation in the FBI Citizens' Academy Alumni Association.

For more information about the Omaha FBI Citizens' Academy Alumni Association, email Sandy Breault at [Sandra.Breault@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:Sandra.Breault@ic.fbi.gov) or call 402-530-1582



## The Presentation

### The Internet Playground

The FBI reports that criminals use technology like the Internet to target children. Far too often, children are not armed with either the know-how or the experience to ward off these attacks. Concerned adults may not always be aware these dangers exist, and therefore cannot protect their children.

This hour long presentation given by trained Citizens' Academy volunteers provides information and resources that will help concerned adults get up to speed on the sobering dangers that exist in cyberspace. It will educate them on how to create an on-going dialogue with their children about cyber safety.

### Topics covered:

**Internet Communities** – Learn about these popular sites and discuss appropriate content to minimize the dangers.

**IM and Breaking "The Code"** – Helping concerned adults understand that children are using their own language in text and instant messaging, oftentimes leaving adults in the dark.

**Predators Use Personal Information** – When children provide personal information on the Internet they expose themselves to predators who stroll sites frequented by children.

**Additional Resources** – Specific suggestions are given to keep children safer, and referrals are provided for a number of resources to become further educated.

**Q&A** – Concerned adults will have an opportunity to ask questions of the presenter.

## Target Audience

### The Concerned Citizens

*Organizations of concerned parents, parent-teacher groups, and interested citizens located in the Omaha and Des Moines metropolitan areas are encouraged to schedule a presentation for their group.*

Dedicated Citizens' Academy Alumni volunteer their time to deliver this presentation to fellow community members concerned about this issue.

The Mission is to educate adults on cyber safety issues for their children. The volunteers work closely with the Omaha Division of the FBI and children's advocacy organizations for the presentation content.



### How to Schedule a Presentation:

Email Sandy Breault at [Sandra.Breault@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:Sandra.Breault@ic.fbi.gov) or call 402-530-1582

### Internet Resources:

- [www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org) or call 1-888-661-8967
- [www.netsmartz411.org](http://www.netsmartz411.org) or call 1-888-638-7411
- [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com) or call 1-800-843-5678
- [www.IC3.gov](http://www.IC3.gov)
- [www.urbandictionary.com](http://www.urbandictionary.com)