



Michigan CSI

(Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative)



The Michigan CSI consists of customized presentations for kindergarten through eighth-grade students and a community seminar. The program was piloted in the spring of 2007 to over 8,500 students and since the program launch in the fall of 2007 has been presented to more than 700,000 students in more than 455 school districts. The kindergarten through first-grade and second through third-grade presentations include a video of the acclaimed book *Faux Paw's Adventures in the Internet*. The book and seminar material are being presented in cooperation with the Internet Keep Safe Coalition. The primary focus is to emphasize students should: keep safe by not sharing any personal information, keep away from Internet strangers, and keep telling parents or a trusted adult about anything that makes them feel uncomfortable. The second through third-grade presentation includes a second Faux Paw video about cyberbullying.

Students in fourth grade and above learn about common Internet predator grooming techniques and appropriate responses to cyberbullying. Fourth through fifth-grade students watch a realistic fiction video entitled "Predator" provided compliments of the nonprofit group i-SAFE, Inc. and another video entitled "Terrible Text" provided compliments of NetSmartz.

Sixth- through eighth-grade students additionally are cautioned about revealing personal information on social networking sites. They are taught not to share inappropriate material via cell phones and about the long term consequences that can occur. Several videos are incorporated in the sixth through eighth-grade presentation to drive home the importance of responsible online behavior.

All students are provided with an Online Safety Contract to discuss with parent(s) or guardian(s).

The community seminar provides practical tools, including a PowerPoint handout of slides covered during the seminar and a demonstration of how to access the Michigan Sex Offender Registry and sign up for e-mail updates. The seminar also demonstrates how to access online tutorials to: search and access a child's social networking site(s); view Internet history logs to determine where a child has been online; and turn on safe surfing filters.

A Community Seminar calendar is available online with dates and locations of currently scheduled seminars.

The program's impact is remarkable. All handouts and more information are available on the Michigan CSI website (www.michigan.gov/csi). Michigan CSI is offered in cooperation with Comcast. Our expertise is offered free of charge, and we look forward to working together to keep Michigan's children safe.

Thank you for your interest in the Michigan Cyber Safety Initiative.