

1/23/08 NCVS Internet Predation Questions

Introduction: The next set of questions is about YOUR Internet activities during the past 6 months.

Q1. During the last 6 months, how often were you online, for example using email, instant messaging, visiting chat rooms, blogging, or doing other Internet activities ... (*Read answer categories until respondent answers yes.*)

1. More than once per day?
2. Once per day?
3. At least once a week?
4. At least once a month?
5. Less often?
6. Never - *END*

“Next, I have some questions about contacts you may have had with individuals you know or first met **ONLY** online. Some of these questions may be hard to answer. However, anything you say will be kept strictly confidential. Your answers to these questions will not be shared with anyone.”

Q2. Thinking back during the last 6 months, during any of the times you were online, were you contacted by anyone that you didn’t know, meaning they had no connection at all to you, your friends, or your family? Please do NOT include SPAM or pop-up ads when answering.

Yes

No -- *END*

Q2a. How many times has this happened to you in the last 6 months?

Number of times _____

If Q2a = 1, then autofill “this person”

If Q2a > 1, then autofill “these people”

Q3. I’d like to find out more about how someone you didn’t know might have contacted you online. Did [this person/these people] contact you through a social networking site, such as MySpace, Facebook, or Xanga?

Yes -- *if Q2a = 1, then skip to Q5*

No

Q4. Other than contacting you through a social networking site, how else did someone you didn’t know contact you online? Did [this person/these people] contact you ...

(Mark all that apply)

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|---|-----|----|
| 1. Through a personal web page not on a social networking site? | Yes | No |
| 2. Through instant messaging or a chat room? | Yes | No |
| 3. While gaming? | Yes | No |
| 4. Through e-mail? | Yes | No |

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| 5. Through a blog? | Yes | No |
| 6. Some other way? (specify)_____ | Yes | No |

Q5. Where were you when [this person/these people] contacted you? Were you online...

(Mark all that apply if Q2a > 1)

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|--|-----|----|
| 1. At home in your bedroom? | Yes | No |
| 2. At home in a family area? | Yes | No |
| 3. At school? | Yes | No |
| 4. At a friend's or relative's house? | Yes | No |
| 5. At a recreational center? | Yes | No |
| 6. At a public library? | Yes | No |
| 7. At a coffee shop or other public establishment? | Yes | No |
| 8. Somewhere else? (specify) _____ | Yes | No |

Q6. And how did you respond when [this person/these people] contacted you? Did you... (Mark all that apply)

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|---|--------------|----|
| 1. Ignore the contact | Yes | No |
| 2. Tell them to leave you alone or block them? | Yes | No |
| 3. Respond and try to find out more information about them? | Yes - ask 6a | No |
| 4. Something else? (specify) _____ | Yes | No |

6a. When you responded to [this person/any of these people] to find out more information, did you start talking with them on a regular basis?

- Yes
No

Q6b. Did your contact with [this person/any of these people] you didn't know happen only online, or did you later have contact with them in person or on the phone?

1. Online only -- ask *Online Only Contact questions*
2. In-person/phone contact-- ask *Offline Contact questions*
3. Multiple people--both Online only and Offline—ask *Offline Contact questions*

Online Only Contact

Q7a. I would like to know the kinds of things [this person/any of these people] you knew only online might have said when talking with you. When [this person was/any of these people were] talking with you, did they ever ...

(Mark all that apply)

1. Send you an email or instant message containing x-rated material or links to x-rated websites?

Yes No

2. Ask you for sexual information about yourself or ask you to talk about having sex?

Yes No

3. Ask you to take off your clothes in front of a webcam or send sexual photos of yourself?

Yes No

4. Tell you sexual information about themselves?
GO TO Q7c

Yes No

Offline Contact

websites? Yes No

Q7b. I would like to know the kinds of things [this person/any of these people] you first met online might have said when talking with you. When [this person was /any of these people were] talking with you, did they ever ...

2. Ask you for sexual information about yourself or ask you to talk about having sex? Yes No

(Mark all that apply)

3. Ask you to take off your clothes in front of a webcam or video camera or send sexual photos of yourself? Yes No

1. Send you an email or instant message containing x-rated material or links to x-rated

4. Tell you sexual information about themselves? Yes No

Q7c. Did [this person/any of these people] ever ask you to...

(Mark all that apply)

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|--|-----|----|
| 1. Meet up with them to hang out? | Yes | No |
| 2. Run away from home to be with them? | Yes | No |
| 3. Meet up somewhere to have sex? | Yes | No |

Q7d. Did [this person/any of these people] ask or tell you anything that made you feel uncomfortable?

Yes (specify) _____
No

Interviewer Check Item:

Are any yes boxes marked in Q7a/Q7b through Q7d?

Yes -> go to Q7e
No -> END

Ask for each "yes" response in Q7 through Q7d:

Q7e. You just told me [autofill "yes" responses to Q7a/Q7b through Q7d]. How many times did this happen in the last 6 months?

Number of times _____

Q8. Did you tell anyone about [this contact/any of these contacts]?

Yes-Ask 8a
No - *END*
Don't know - *END*

Q8a. Whom did you tell? Was it ...

(Mark all that apply)

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|--|-----|----|
| 1. Your parents? | Yes | No |
| 2. Family members under age 18, such as brothers, sisters, or cousins? | Yes | No |
| 3. Adult family members, such as brothers, sisters, aunts, or uncles? | Yes | No |
| 4. Friends? | Yes | No |
| 5. A police officer? | Yes | No |
| 6. A teacher, coach, or school counselor? | Yes | No |
| 7. A clergy member such as a minister, priest, or rabbi? | Yes | No |
| 8. Someone else? (Specify) _____ | Yes | No |

Q9. I'd like to know more about your contact(s) with anyone you first met online. In your own words, please tell me what happened during the contact(s) and afterwards.
