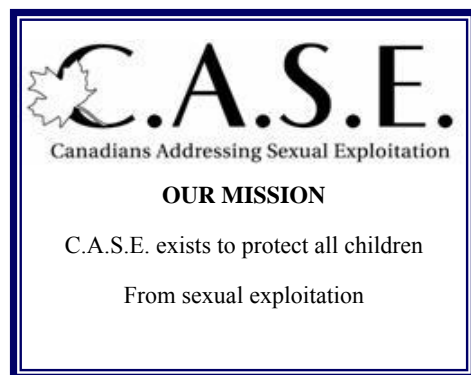


LET YOUR VOICE

BE HEARD!

Organize a White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) Campaign in your community. Order a Ribbon of Signatures from C.A.S.E. that states: **“Protect Our Children from Sexual Predators”** It’s easy to collect signatures. When the ribbon is full of signatures, deliver the signed ribbon to your Member of Parliament with a letter asking for changes in controlling the pornographic content of the internet.



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**Protecting
Children from
Sexual Exploitation**

What are some of the **THREATS** that the Internet poses to children?

Child pornography: A child pornography image is a permanent record of a child’s sexual abuse. Some experts estimate that there are approximately 14 million pornographic websites with some posting approximately one million child abuse images. In March 2006, 40 people in Canada, the United States, England and Australia were charged in relation to a massive Internet child pornography ring that involved trading pictures and live video of children being sexually abused and raped. The victims were between 18 months and 11 years old, and at least four were from Edmonton.

Exposure to adult pornography: Besides pornography available to children on PCs, expansion of the adult porn industry through emerging video technology in cell phones, iPods and other hand-held devices threatens to make it easier for children to access adult content. When Apple announced an iPod with video playback capabilities, many adult entertainment companies announced that they would make video programming available in the player’s format. The sale of adult entertainment for downloading to cell phones is a multimillion-dollar business in Europe, and in North America it is rapidly expanding. The “Mobile Adult Content Congress” took place in Miami in January 2006, with speakers from Virgin Mobile UK and Vodafone.⁴ In November 2005, the cell phone industry in the United States announced plans to adopt a rating system, but critics note that this simply allows the industry to offload responsibility for monitoring content onto parents, and that children are often much quicker to pick up on technology than parents are.

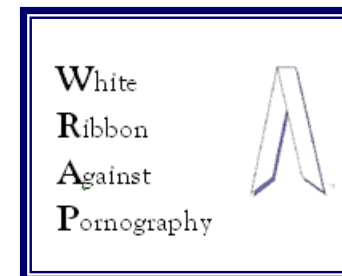
Luring: As defined by the *Criminal Code*, luring refers to using a computer for the purpose of facilitating the commission of the offence of sexual exploitation against someone who is under 18. There have been countless Canadian arrests for this offence in recent years. In June 2006, 32-year-old Jean-Pierre Nafekh of Villeray, Quebec, was sentenced for attempting to lure who he thought was a 12-year-old girl in a chat room into having sex for the first time.

Webcams: Many young teens get undressed in front of a webcam, believing that the person on the other end will keep the images private, only find out later that these images are circulated widely. In the summer of 2005, two young teenage girls from Edmonton thought they were using chat rooms to communicate with friends when they were dared to expose themselves in front of their web cameras. Following this, the girls received the message: “I am not who you think I am.” The message was followed by threats that that image would be shared and posted on the internet unless the girls participated in more explicit, fully nude sexual activity in front of the webcam.

Send your message to Internet Service Providers:

**PROTECT OUR CHILDREN
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BAN PORNOGRAPHY FROM YOUR SITES!





BEWARE OF INTERNET PREDATORS

We have created a whole new world to explore. One of information, of bytes, of memory of knowledge.

No one can dispute the growing power of the Internet. It's ability to store, explore and research almost any subject imaginable.

It's a new world. And like any new world, has its explorers and its hidden dangers – it's predators.

A miracle. Luck. Few can fully appreciate the events, and rescue, surrounding a Lacombe family last Halloween when they discovered their 15-year-old daughter was on a plane to Toronto to meet a man she had only met online. "I was hyperventilating. In total panic, pounding on my chest. I couldn't breathe," recalled mom Lorraine when she finally learned where her daughter was heading.

Teen pressure at school, low self-esteem, needing a shoulder to cry on, the teen found solace online in a private chatroom on the Internet.

The family, who wishes to remain anonymous, monitored their daughter's Internet activity, knew who she was conversing with. But they did not know, that for two weeks prior to her boarding a plane at the International Airport, she had been rejecting an invitation to speak with a stranger in Toronto.

Using what's known as pop-up windows, the predator was hunting.

Waiting for someone out there to bite.

"For a couple of weeks before, she was getting these pop-ups asking her to chat," said Lorraine.

"She ignored them several times and then, after a bad day at school, broke down and started talking to him."

Her voice still shakes with fear as she relives the night of Oct. 31.

Everything seemed normal. Her daughter was home with a friend handing out treats to the little children prowling Lacombe's darkened streets. She asked her mom if the pair could venture off to the local hockey game.

But she didn't return at curfew, prompting Lorraine and her husband to track down her daughter's friend who "pretended" to help look for the missing teen. When the truth came out, Lacombe police, already alerted to the missing girl, went on full alert. Authorities were contacted at the airport, but the father could not simply wait. Grabbing a photo of his girl, he raced to the airport, was stopped for speeding and promptly told the officer to contact Lacombe's police to verify his story before racing off leaving a bewildered constable standing on the highway.

"The fight against child sexual abuse and the legislative changes needed to back it up will never succeed unless the public wakes up to the nightmare in its own backyard."

Detective Sergeant Paul Gillespie,
Toronto, Ontario, Police Sex Crime Unit

Airport RCMP were going on shift change when the frantic father arrived. But luck and photo in hand, one officer recognized the girl. Toronto authorities were notified and the teen was rescued as soon as she left the plane.

Police also nabbed the predator waiting for her and the grateful teen, who realized while in flight that she must have been out of her mind, hugged officers, thanking them profusely. Shaken she refused to go to the bathroom alone. And defying procedure, the Toronto police kept the teen with them until she could be safely placed on a plane home.

"Everyone who knows us would not have expected this," Lorraine said.

Their home now alarmed, the teen still finds solace sleeping on a mattress on the floor rather than her bed. She's afraid to go near windows and the family still lives with the fear of what might have been.

The predator? He did nothing illegal. No charges were filed. So cunning was his plan. So perfect his timing. Lorraine noted he even arranged for a Red Deer cab to pick her daughter up at a pre-planned location to take her to the airport where an airline ticket awaited her. "He spent almost \$2,000 on her and what do you think he wanted? A heart-to-heart chat?"

The incident has spurred a national petition. Lorraine is trying to get the government to loosen restrictions police face. To give them immediate access to aircraft passenger manifests which can only be obtained through a lengthy court battle. She notes anyone can purchase an airline ticket for your child without your knowledge or consent.

She's appealing to Ottawa to make amendments to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act regarding manifests and to have Ottawa implement a

type of passport for children under the age of majority.

No passport, no ticket.

The grateful mother knows how fortunate they are. Children can be ferried across the country with no one the wiser and it was nothing short of a miracle they were able to intercept the teen. But the predator is still out there. And there are many more like him.

"I want people to know that anyone can buy an airplane ticket for any child without the parent knowing. We have to put a stop to it."

Anyone who wants to sign or learn more about the petition can contact Lorraine at protectourchildren@shaw.ca

"BEWARE OF INTERNET PREDATORS"

Mother tells her story in an effort to stop similar cases

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