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Article [“Help children know the risks of chat rooms”](#)

Site: http://www.larrysworld.com/articles/sjm_chatrooms.htm

Report about the article

The article “Help children know the risks of chat rooms” describe about risks and dangers of chat rooms at the communication technology age. The most of predators in chat rooms are reported to be male. Predator’s behaviors like to ask children for the ways that they would be able to contact children privately. After that they try to make a face-to-face meeting with children. This article also says about children who are relatively quiet in chat rooms are targeted of predators.

Some examples are shown in this article for help parents and also children to know sign of predator’s performance. Because of innovation of technology, children and predators may be together, not only in chat rooms, but also via other ways of communication technology such as e-mail, mobile phone. Finally, Williams urged parents to think about how they would be able to protect their children and to pay more attention with children concerning internet safety.

Statement of agreement or disagreement

I strongly agree with this article. As in my country, I have the same problems with what this article said; although, I have no reported number of victim in this case. But, I believe this problem should be discussed and suggested the appropriate use through parents into their children. Since many years ago when I found the chat rooms, I thought it was one of a very popular activity for kids and young people, especially teenagers. But, it is also the area where they are most likely to get into trouble.

Although, chat room providers may have monitors who can assess what people write before anyone else gets to see it, if people misbehave, they can reprimand them or even kick them out. According to chat room providers' notice, they would not be responsible for the effect from chat rooms within. Children probably think that chat rooms are private to communicate with each, other but this thought is not true. Chat rooms could bring a whole set of privacy and security risks. Moreover, the most important thing that users should watch when they engage in chat rooms is to not give out personally identifiable information online, including their e-mail address.

Statement about how to use the article to teach internet safety

This article should be presented to communities, parents, schools, and children by publishing this article and other articles related. The educational systems should gear attention to understand this trouble, not only chat rooms, but also the internet use in everyday life. Communities, schools, teachers and parents should be trained to know the ways to avoid problem in chat rooms. For instance, talk with your children about the way some people behave in chat rooms, remind them that people are not always who they seem to be, and instruct your child never to agree to get together with anyone they meet in a chat room without first checking with you.