



*Statistics*  
*Internet Behavior*

- **99%** of teens use the Internet (Polly Klaas Foundation, 2006)
- **56%** of teens receive requests for personal information; 12% of “tweens” (8-12) (Polly Klaas Foundation, 2006)
- **54%** frequently have private conversations with online strangers through instant messaging; 10% of “tweens” (8-12) (ibid.)
- **42%** said they have posted personal information online; 5% of “tweens” (8-12) (ibid.)
- **30%** reported that they have talked with a cyber-stranger about meeting in person; 4% of “tweens” (ibid.)
- **27%** said they have talked with an online stranger about sex (ibid.)
- **1 in 7** children (ages 10-17) receives a sexual solicitation or approach via the Internet in a one-year period (National Center for Missing & Exploited Children: Online Victimization of Youth: Five Years Later, 2006)
- **1 in 25** children (ages 10-17) receives an aggressive online request resulting in face-to-face meetings, phone calls, money, sent mail or gifts (ibid.)
- **77%** of teens have a personal profile available online, **40%** of which say it is viewable by all persons (Pew Internet & American Life Project: Social Networking Websites and Teens, January, 2007)
- **80%** of students are aware of cases of cyber-bullying (TechLearning: Cyber-bullying, Part 2, February, 2008)
- **94%** of students admitting to being cyber-bullied did not tell and adult (ibid.)
- **53%** of families use an Internet **filter** and **45%** of families have **monitoring software** on the computer that their child uses. Internet monitoring software that allows parental supervision seems to be more effective than online filtering software in limiting contact with strangers online (Pew Internet & American Life Project: American Teens and Online Safety, October, 2007)