

# World Telecommunication & Information Society Day

## *“Protecting Children in Cyberspace”*

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## Theme paper

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# Internet users

A decade ago, there were just 200 million people using the Internet globally — and almost all of them lived in the developed

world  
**Now**

over 1.5 billion Internet users worldwide.

600 million Asia

130 million Latin America and the Caribbean

50 million Africa

The Internet is a growing common resource — vastly increasing the dangers online, especially for children.

# Recent surveys findings

- Over 60 per cent of children and teenagers talk in chat rooms on a daily basis.
- Three in four children online are willing to share personal information about themselves and their family in exchange for goods and services.
- One in five children will be targeted by a predator each year.

# We should be careful

30% of teenage girls say they have been sexually harassed in a chat room,

Only 7% tell their parents, for fear their online access will be limited.

92% of parents don't understand common chat lingo such as:

**A/S/L (Age/Sex/Location)**

**POS (Parent Over Shoulder)**

**P911 (Parent Alert)**

# Parents Don't know

- 92% of parents say they have established rules for their children's online activity, 34% of children say their parents haven't.
- In France, 72% of children surf online alone, and while 85% of parents know about parental control software, only 30% have installed it.

# What Are The Online Risks?

- Pornography
- Violence
- Online Gaming & Addiction
- Online Fraud
- Cyber-bullying
- Racism

# ITU Activities related to Cybersecurity



## [WSIS Action Line C.5](#)

Building Confidence and security in the use of ICTs



## [ITU Global Cybersecurity Agenda](#)

Framework for international cooperation in Cybersecurity



## [ITU Cybersecurity Gateway](#)

Information resource on Cybersecurity

**Telecommunication Development  
Sector (ITU-D)**

<http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/>

**Telecommunication Standardization  
Sector (ITU-T)**

<http://www.itu.int/cybersecurity/ITU-T/>

Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R)

<http://www.itu.int/cybersecurity/ITU-R>



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## World Telecommunication Day

**since 1969**, marking the founding of ITU  
and the signing of the first International  
Telegraph Convention in 1865

## World Information Society Day

**since 2005**  
World Telecommunication and  
Information Society Day  
**since 2006**

# World Telecommunication and Information Society Day WTISD

- stimulating reflection and exchanges of ideas on the theme adopted by the Council
- debating the various aspects of the theme with all partners in society
- formulating a report reflecting national discussions on the issues underlying the theme, to be fed back to ITU and the rest of its membership

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Children can safely access the Internet and its valuable resources without fear of falling prey to unscrupulous predators in cyberspace

# IU Secretary General's message

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