



## CYBERSAFETY RISKS AND MISUSES

### *Main Areas of Concern*

Parents and educators recognize that, although enticement by a cyber predator is the most dangerous risk our children face, it is not the most common. There are risks that students face daily that impact their lives significantly. Among those challenges are:

#### **Content they access**

- Information, such as pornography, commercialization, or online support for destructive behaviors
- Items, such as alcohol, drugs, and weapons
- People, such as gang terrorist group recruitment, and explicit sexual discussions

#### **Illegal Activities**

- Hacking
- Writing of viruses and Trojans
- Piracy of music or movies
- Child pornography – possession, production, exchanging

#### **Behaviors they exhibit**

- Bullying
- Bait and recording
- Cheating - text messages, photos, copy/paste
- Copyright Infringement
- Gambling
- Overuse
- Virtual/Reality Confusion
- Relationship Issues
- Disinhibition

#### **Safety**

- Financial (Identity Theft) of child or family
- Computer
- Physical – stalking or enticement

#### ***Personal Information should be valued and protected***

*Personal information includes full name, phone number, age or date of birth, location, address, school, local stores/theaters/parks/etc., sport team information, schedules (dates, games, and vacations), social security number, bank account information, or credit card information.*

### **Resources**

Georgia CyberSafety Initiative/ICAC Profile on MySpace: [www.myspace.com/ga\\_csi\\_icac](http://www.myspace.com/ga_csi_icac)

Georgia CyberSafety Initiative Website: [www.ga-csi.org](http://www.ga-csi.org)

Georgia ICAC Website: [www.familyinternet.info](http://www.familyinternet.info)

NetFamilyNews Newsletter: [www.netfamilynews.org](http://www.netfamilynews.org)

The NetSafe Kit for Schools, AUPs, Policies, and Hector the Protector: [www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz)

Impostors that are online: [www.thedeadkidsofmyspace.com](http://www.thedeadkidsofmyspace.com)