

Internet Safety – The Facts

Home access is growing:

75% of 9 – 19 year olds have accessed the internet from a computer at home

Many computers in private rooms:

19% have internet access in their bedroom

Skills gap between parents and children:

Only 16% of weekly and daily user parents consider themselves advanced compared with 32% of children

Parents underestimate children's negative experiences:

one third of 9 – 19 year old daily and weekly users have received unwanted sexual (31%) or nasty comments (33%) online or by text, although only 7% of parents are aware that their child has received sexual comments and only 4% that their child has been bullied online

Children give out personal information online:

46% say that they have given out personal information to someone that they met online

Some have attended face to face meetings:

30% have made an online “friend” and 8% say they have met face to face with someone whom they first met online

Source: UK Children Go Online (UKCGO)

