



CYBERSECURITY TRAINING FOR TEACHERS (CTT)

Week 4 Student Online Risks

In this video, we're going to cover online risks that students face while learning online, as well as indicators of an online abuse. What is an online risk? An online risk is simply anything that can cause damage or harm a computer user while online. Risks can result to a computer being hacked or even the information being altered or stolen. Some of the most common online risk students can face are: One, exposure to inappropriate materials, such as pornography. Two, cyber bullying. Three, giving out of personal information online, such as passwords and addresses. Four, online scams. Five, cyber predators. Six, cyber-attacks through phishing or accidental malware download.

We'll now look at a research conducted by EU kids online. In this research, children from different parts of Europe were asked to mention things that made them uncomfortable while online. Some of the responses were; strangers messaging them violence, sexual contents, and photos of them being taken without their consent. The image below shows some of the responses from the children. The pie chart on the left shows some of the risks identified by the children. The highest being pornographic content. The pie chart on the right shows, some of the platform used. The major platform being websites followed by video sites. What then are the indicators of a student facing online abuse? A student facing online abuse can exhibit the following behaviors.

One, spends most of his or her time online either by texting, social media or gaming. Two, hide who they interact with in the internet through texts, calls or even emails. And lastly shows withdrawal signs of phasing the internet. This could be through; anger, stress, anxiety, and depression. Parents, guardians, and teachers should study behaviors of students while online to identify if the student is facing any kind of online abuse. In this topic, we've covered the following: One, identification of online risks faced by the students. Two, common activities that bothered students online. And lastly, indicators of a student facing online abuse. This marks the end of this topic.