

# To Stop A Thief

## How You Can Help

Beware of all strangers talking with you through any of the Instant Messaging areas of the Internet. Say NO to strangers.

If you are caught in a conversation with a stranger, and it begins to get personal and sex is mentioned, leave your computer and tell your parents IMMEDIATELY!

Your parents should call local law enforcement and report the incident to them. They will instruct you about what to do. They may be able to track down this person through your computer.



A huge false impression of online predators is that they are all fat, ugly, old men. Online predators may be family members, doctors, lawyers, teachers or a next-door neighbor. They work very hard to gain legitimate access to children. They “groom” or prepare their victims and work patiently at gaining their trust.

One More Time—What can you do to stop online predators?

- Don't give them a chance to talk to you by saying NO to strangers online.
- If you do get into a conversation online with someone you think is a child predator, tell your parents immediately and have them call the police.
  - **DO NOT lead this person on by trying to make them think you are interested in them. Doing this can have dangerous consequences that may never be reversed.**
- Teach your parents, siblings and friends how to stay safe while using the Internet.
- Don't give a stranger control over your life.
- **BE A RESPONSIBLE INTERNET USER!**

Following these steps may save your life or the life of a family member or friend.