



The Law - Young People, Parents and Schools

STUDY GUIDE

Program 8: Cyber-bullying – Think before you hit the send button!

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Program summary

Are young people today really aware of the consequences of some of their use of the internet and mobile phone? The program features part of an extended interview with Senior Constable Mick Schooley from South Australia Police. Senior Constable Mick Schooley is Crime Prevention Officer in the Salisbury Elizabeth region north of Adelaide and comments on some of realities of the mis-use of SMS or social sites by some young people – some of which carry heavy penalties, including imprisonment.

Interviewees

Senior Constable Mick Schooley, Crime Prevention Officer, South Australia Police

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Download this program – from www.learningworksradio.com – and listen at home or in your car, or in a group around a table at home or in the staff room. Duration approx 15 mins.

Table Talk

Use these questions as springboards to a discussion on some of the issues raised in the program. Before you end the discussion, agree on some action outcomes.



It is nearly impossible to buy a mobile phone without a camera and the ability to send photographs to other people directly from it. Discuss the types of photos that could be considered inappropriate.(try not to limit the discussion to sexual images)

Some people may see taking some of these types of photos as “just a laugh” and we should “lighten up”. What can we do to help young people recognize the possible implications of sending what may be an inappropriate image or SMS?

How can we help young people understand the legal consequences of the way they use SMS and Social Networking sites?

What are the responsibilities of the parents of young people who use mobile phones and social networking sites?

Resources

To guide your discussion,

Lawstuff – Know your rights (select your State from “Move your State” at the top)

<http://www.lawstuff.org.au/Page.asp?PageID=1919&Section=Topics&State=sa>

Social Network Site Privacy -A Comparative Analysis of Six Sites (A site by site review of six popular Social Networking sites)

http://www.priv.gc.ca/information/pub/sub_comp_200901_e.cfm#toc4