

## Online Safety: Predators

Estimated Time to Complete: 15 minutes

### Course Description

*SafeSchools Online Safety: Predators* course is a 15-minute approach to cover the dangers that exist online and what you can do to prevent an incident from occurring. The course begins with an overview of chat rooms and social networking sites and how predators gain the trust of young people on the web. The instruction centers on how to handle a predatory situation and rules for students to follow while online.

### Common Themes

- The openness of the internet creates a fertile ground for online predators.
- Online predators commonly seek out young people in chat rooms or social networking web sites.
- Educators need to be aware of the facts in cases where their adult judgment may help ensure a child's safety.
- Teach children to follow online safety rules.
- Legal strategies and recommended acceptable use policies to help districts protect themselves

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### Training Environments

*SafeSchools* is ideal for a blended learning environment, complementing in-service or video training, or as a stand-alone training course. The *SafeSchools* approach engages the learner in an e-learning environment; while a Compliance Management System automatically tracks his/her progress through the courses.

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