## WHAT HAPPENED TO 5,392,241 KIDS TODAY? THEY WERE CYBER-BULLIED!

Web Security for Kids helps teens and kids understand CyberBullying and Predators

Vancouver, BC; Of those 5 million kids bullied last night; 2.1 million did not go to school today because they are terrified. The Cyberbullying epidemic is spreading globally in line with the growth of Social Media companies subscribers. Children as young as 3 have a Facebook account (even though the minimum age is 16) 85% of all teens are cyber bullied through Facebook Family Accounts and other Social Media Apps. Hackers, Trolls, and Predators target the vulnerable. Cyberbullying leads to Family Identity Theft, Cyber Extortion, Sexual Deviation, and Blackmail, Depression, future Psychiatric problems in adults and Workplaces, and unfortunately proven links to suicides. CyberBullying was identified as an extreme problem in 2007 - nothing was done to stem the growth (15% a yea)r. If the trends of cyberbullying are mapped globally across 1.8billion tweens, then 142 million kids are also susceptible to cyberbullying. We have let down children for a decade - and the problem looks to double in size by 2020.

"As a parent I am sickened by the findings. We did not even know this was a major problem until we uncovered deadly statistics linking cyber bullying and suicide which is the motivation for the comic. The Web is unsafe at any broadband speed!" said P.B Dove author of Web Security for Kids. "As parents and protectors, we are generally lazy at helping our kids - only 1 in 10 parents are genuinely concerned. The comic book "Web Security for Kids" is a Seuss style humorous guide for kids to achieve a web certification. The Kids learn 22 Golden Rules to protect themselves from Predators and Bullies - that means parents must get involved! Kids are encouraged through the comics' characters Sludge, Sweetie and Slimy Siber (The Bomper's) to use the web wisely. IT also warns Cyber Bullies (and their Parents) that they are now traceable and liable to international cyber laws. If we "can stop 1000 deaths a year I will be happy" commented P.B.Dove. He added" Todays web is like 1950's cars. The cars were unsafe, they had no seat belts, they blew up for no reason, they were unreliable, they were uninsured and not registered. The web is in the 1950's twilight zone and is not suitable for the 21st century. It costs families and companies a Trillion dollars a year in losses and yet no one is accountable - this is the same situation that Ralph Nader discovered in the 1960's.

- 3 to 17 year olds are now key targets of hackers .
- Software companies (such as Social Media Apps) and Internet Service Providers should now pay damages and compensation as they are responsible for losses (monetary and emotional).
- Its time to stop 1,000,000 kids a year suffering from depression and 3 million from self harming

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