

Keeping Ourselves Safe

Years 9–10

Focus area 5

This section of the KOS programme contains one of the following focus areas for students at years 9–10 (ages 13–14):

1. Identifying abuse
2. Recognising and avoiding risk
3. Knowing what to do
4. Getting help
- 5. Safety in cyberspace**
6. Anger and violence
7. Breaking the silence about family violence
8. What I think, what you think

Note: Research suggests that an effective KOS programme should include learning experiences from each of the focus areas.

Focus area 5: Safety in cyberspace

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Focus area 5: Safety in cyberspace

Notes for the teacher

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1. Ensure that safety guidelines are in place. All school staff (not just the teachers concerned) must know what to do if a student discloses abuse to them during or after *Keeping Ourselves Safe*. Parents should also be made aware of what to do. See the Child Protection Guidelines available on the School Portal.
2. If possible, find recent local examples in the media to replace Copysheet: **Internet Chat Led to Kidnap**.
3. In Activity 1 be sure to cover safety precautions for being safe on the internet.
4. Send the pamphlet *Keeping Kiwi Kids Safer in Cyberspace* home to all parents. If possible, arrange a meeting for parents to view the video *Caught in the Web*.
5. Check that the school's policy on Internet safety is up to date. To help with this, contact:
Internet Safety Group
(09) 362 0971
0508 NETSAFE (toll free)
Email: queries@netsafe.org.nz

Curriculum links

Key Competencies: Managing self; Relating to others; Participating and contributing

Learning areas: Levels 4–5 Health and Physical Education – Strand A: Personal growth and development, Strand C: Interpersonal skills; Strand D: Rights, responsibilities, and laws

Underlying concepts:

- Well-being, Hauora (all aspects) – not putting social well-being at risk
- Attitudes and values – being responsible for own safety

Resources

Copysheet: **Assessment – Safety in Cyberspace**

Copysheet: **Internet Chat Led to Kidnap**

Resources available from School Community Officer:

- Video *Caught in the Web* (for parents/caregivers)
- *Keeping Kiwi Kids Safer in Cyberspace* – a pamphlet for parents and caregivers

Learning intention

At the end of this focus area students will be able to identify safe and unsafe practices in cyberspace.

Activities

Hand out Copysheet: **Assessment – Safety in Cyberspace**. Invite students to complete column 1. They then put the copysheet aside until the end of the lesson.

Hand out Copysheet: **Internet Chat Led to Kidnap** or similar current story. Invite students in pairs to read and discuss the article.

Ask: What were the dangers?
 Why do you think Scadden was so eager to help the girl?
 What were some possible outcomes of this?

Ask students to take out Copysheet: **Assessment – Safety in Cyberspace** and complete column 2. This information can be used to assess what students have learnt from the lesson.

Give each student a copy of the pamphlet Keeping Kiwi Kids Safer in Cyberspace to take home to an adult at home.

Learning journal

Each student develops a set of guidelines designed to tell other students how to keep safe in cyberspace.

Copysheet: Assessment – Safety in Cyberspace

What are the risks associated with being in cyberspace?

My view at the start of the lesson	My view at the end of the lesson

Copysheet: Internet Chats Led to Kidnap

article online at http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=3452795

A 25-year-old Auckland man who had an Internet relationship with a 14-year-old girl pleaded guilty to kidnapping in the District Court yesterday.

But a charge of having sex with a 14-year-old girl was withdrawn.

Alan Mark Scadden admitted the kidnapping charge and the matter has now been transferred to the Manukau District Court in Auckland for sentencing.

Scadden, an Auckland driver, had developed a relationship over the Internet with the girl, police prosecutor Stu Koefoed said.

He said the relationship had developed over time, and included phone conversations and text messaging.

Mr Koefoed said that the girl claimed she was being abused by her mother and her mother's partner and asked Scadden to take her away with him.

Scadden booked a return flight to the girl's hometown from Auckland, booking the girl a one-way ticket. On September 7 Scadden the pair spent the night together. On the afternoon of September 8 they attempted to catch a flight to Auckland. Both were spoken to by police shortly after checking in. Scadden told police he was 'sick of hearing about the abuse (the girl) was receiving' so he was taking her to Auckland.

He said he was aware the girl was only 14.

Judge Pat Grace remanded Scadden on bail till November 12 for a probation report to be completed before sentencing.

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