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WHRO Classroom Preview**

Series Title: CyberSafety

Curriculum Area: Technology

Grades: 4-12

of Programs/Length: 1/19 minute program (CC)

What harm could come from sitting leisurely at the computer, chatting with online pals? Unfortunately, many young people who spend hours in chat rooms or post sensitive information on the Internet have little or no idea of the risks involved. This program warns students about how vulnerable they are whenever they venture into the cyber realm—even when they think they're among "friends." Explaining how to take precautions in chat rooms, on social networking sites, and anywhere that predators lurk, the program strongly advises against physically meeting any online acquaintance and emphasizes that parents or guardians must be involved in such meetings.

Commentary from experts and questions from peers reinforce the notion of an irreversible virtual footprint—a trail that all Internet users leave which can be used against them. An instructor's guide is available online. Correlates to National ISTE Technology Foundation Standards for Students.