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**STATS UNDERSCORE THE NEED FOR PARENTS TO GET  
INVOLVED IN THEIR KIDS' ONLINE ACTIVITIES**

RICHMOND, VA With summer approaching, scores of children will be home alone with the Internet to entertain them. In conjunction with a Senate resolution declaring June as 'Internet Safety Month', the Federal Government has released alarming new statistics about children's Internet usage:

- 1) 67 percent of students in grades 5 through 12 do not share with their parents what they do on the Internet;
- 2) 30 percent of those students have hidden their online activities from their parents;
- 3) 31 percent of those students have the skill to circumvent Internet filter software;
- 4) 61 percent of students admit to using the Internet unsafely or inappropriately;
- 5) 47 percent of parents feel that their ability to monitor and shelter their children from inappropriate material on the Internet is limited.

These statistics suggest that parents can do a lot more to insure their children's adventures in cyberspace are secure and fun. As the last and only line of defense, it's up to them to make their home **SAFE- Secure And Fun For Everyone!**

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