



>> Hate Sites

When you wander around the World Wide Web, it can be intimidating, especially with the hate sites that exist. The Hate Directory is “. . . an aid in identifying and tracking the proliferation of hate oriented use of the Internet. . . .” (It can be found at <http://www.bcpl.net/~rfrankli/hatedir.htm>.) After two pages of explanation, there are about 120 pages of hate sites and hate groups, and only one page of sites dedicated to “Combating Hate on the Net.”

A hate site is a place where people can express themselves. Though the content may be hateful and negative to others, these Web sites are protected by the First Amendment. As a general rule, the First Amendment protects hate speech as long as it does not:

- include a physical threat of violence or property damage
- motivate a criminal act
- offend a particular individual
- request or aid a criminal act
- evidence a conspiracy

In the United States, it is now standard practice for Internet service providers (ISPs) to require online users to adhere to acceptable-use policies that prohibit people from posting racist or offensive comments. Different countries have different levels of tolerance. Hateful comments can be posted lawfully in one country and then read in other countries where they may be deemed unlawful.

Some examples of groups that have hate sites include Black Separatists, the Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazis, Racist Skinheads, Christian Identity, and Neo-Confederates.

Remember, there are many solutions for these problems. Education is the best way to counter hate sites. i-SAFE America creates awareness about Internet safety, including hate sites, and is taking an active role in educating communities. The organization has influenced me and many other young people to be proactive.

Gabby, Point Loma, CA



Tech Tip [Click here](#) for tips on how to spot hate sites disguised as legitimate Web sites.

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>> Contest Announcement—Lights, Camera, Action!!

The student filmmaker contest is back, and we’re going Hollywood! i-SAFE Inc. is proud to announce a Global Student Filmmaker Contest May and June 2006. Write, direct, and produce a five-minute documentary film about a cyber security topic, and have your creative work judged by Hollywood professionals and industry leaders. Get behind-the-scenes footage of students in action speaking out about online dangers. Conduct interviews with students, and get their points of view. Use reality TV and documentary film techniques to tell your story. Plan an activity, and film it. The winner will receive an i-SAFE T-shirt, the i-SAFE “Most Valuable Mentor” award, and have his or her video posted on the i-SAFE Web site. The video may even be included in a future i-DRiVE TV episode and other program material.

Check out the specifics and guidelines at <http://xblock.isafe.org/contests.php>. Registration forms and video projects are due by May 15, 2006. The winner will be announced by June 1, 2006.

We Welcome **Your** Input

If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter or tell us your story, please contact us at:

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Hot Links

Become a Certified i-MENTOR.....

A certified i-MENTOR has the skills to teach other students i-SAFE lessons, host an i-SAFE Assembly Experience, host an i-PARENT Program, and more—the options are endless! Log on to the [i-MENTOR Training Network](#) to view the certified i-MENTOR videos now!

i-Adopt-A-School

Organize Internet safety activities and events, or teach Internet safety lessons in a neighboring middle school or elementary school in your community. Complete the [i-MENTOR Training Network](#) training videos, and adopt a school in your community.

Site Spotlight

Want to know how something works? Try www.howstuffworks.com, which includes articles, features, illustrations, and more. Information about autos, computers, travel, money, etc., can also be found. Facts and quotes, too. Need we say more?

Student Poll

Have you ever visited a hate site online?

Yes/No

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>> Congratulations to the December and January MVMs!

The December MVMs may just be the next Steven Spielbergs of our generation! As the directors for their video production classes, they had the responsibility of making decisions and influencing every aspect of video production for a webcast concerning personal information and privacy. Because they did such a great job, they not only won the MVM award, they earned the privilege of having their webcasts used in future i-SAFE materials.


Wassom Middle School (Ft. Campbell, Kentucky) – Sedrick and Cody

Ft. Campbell High (Ft. Campbell, Kentucky) – Andy, Micah, and Phillip

Patch High (Stuttgart, Germany) – John, Tom, Chelsea, and Tess

Wurzburg High (Wurzburg, Germany) – John, Sarah, Kirsten, and Lauren

The January MVM award winners are the Chestatee High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter members. These students did an awesome job performing a super “Savvy Surfing Week,” a state project of Georgia FBLA, to stress the importance of Internet safety when surfing the Internet. The FBLA students posted announcements and flyers, produced multimedia projects on identity theft, and presented booklets and tips sheets to students at Chestatee Middle School.

Congratulations to you all!! 

>> X-BLOCK

X-BLOCK—the hottest new Web site on the ‘Net—has moved into your cyber neighborhood!

Check out the 411 to learn about cyber safety. Learn how to become an i-MENTOR, and watch the online video modules in the i-MENTOR Training Network to learn how to teach other students i-SAFE lessons, conduct an i-SAFE Assembly Experience, host an i-PARENT Program, and much more. Hang out at the X-BLOCK chat room with your friends and peers, and enter kewl contests.

Don't get left out! X-BLOCK (<http://XBLOCK.isafe.org/>)



>> Celebrity Corner: Dean Collins, Actor, *The War at Home*

Dean Collins plays Mike, a 13-year-old hormone-driven teen who loves video games, on the new Fox TV show *The War at Home*. Dean previously starred in the TV series *Jack and Bobby* and *Mad TV*, and in the 2005 movie *Yours, Mine, and Ours*. Check out the i-SAFE interview, and find out what this rising star has to say about acting and using the Internet.

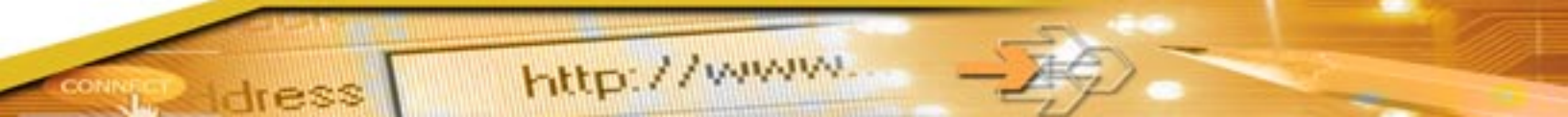
KT: Why/how did you become an actor?

Dean Collins: The reason I became an actor all started out because of my older brother, Nick. Nick, who is 19 right now, wanted to be an actor years ago when he was about 12 or 13. I was younger than him (by four years), and I guess I just followed in his footsteps and wanted to do what he was doing, like most younger brothers do. He then didn't really want to get into acting as much as I did, and things kind of took off from there.



→ Dean Collins

For the entire interview, go to “Celebrity Corner” on <http://XBLOCK.isafe.org/>. 



Tech Tip

Find Out How to Spot Hate Sites Disguised as Legitimate Web Sites

Beware of Web sites that are in DISGUISE! Some sites about topics like Martin Luther King and the Civil War are camouflaged hate sites, and often refer to historical events, statistics, or other information with a twist that's not always truthful. Here are some tips when checking out a Web site:

Look for an author or site owner. Often, the site owner/author reveals its affiliation with the hate site group (i.e. a Martin Luther King Web site owned by a white supremacy group).

Google the site's URL, then select "Find web pages that link to . . ." The results will show other sites linking to that particular site. Do hate groups link to it? Is it used as an example of a bad site?

Does the site URL contain a tilde (~)? If so, that should raise a caution flag. Even if the site is owned by a legitimate company or university, a tilde can signify that the site was created, is published, and is maintained by somebody else, and that can mean that the host company does not necessarily endorse the material.

Always get a second opinion! Find multiple sources to validate what you read.

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