Czech children in the cyberworld: How do they behave and what threats are they exposed to?

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## Sample

7 177respondents aged 7-17 from all Czech regions participated in the research, and boys constituted 49,83 % of the sample. Average age of all respondents was 13,04 years (median 13, modus 12, variance 4,34). The research sample is representative in the 11-17-yearage categories, (by age and gender, correlation with data from the ČSÚ fur 2018). The majority of respondents came from the Moravskoslezský, Olomoucký and Středočeský regions.

## Implications For Parents About

Parental practices / parental mediation

# Abstract

The Center for the Prevention of Risky Virtual Communication at the Faculty of Education of Palacký University in Olomouc, has carried out extensive research at the beginning of 2019 aimed at mapping the behavior of children in the online environment, which activities in the online world run children and what risks and threats they encounter. An anonymous online questionnaire was chosen as the basic research tool, which was distributed to basic schools in all regions of the Czech Republic. 27 177 respondents aged 7-17 from all regions of the Czech Republic participated in the research.

# Outcome

"35.71 % children (9706 children in our sample) report to have been photographed by a peer without consent, and 22.5 % children (6115 children in our sample) report to have been videoed by a peer without consent

harmful content –this is watched by a few children, withthe exception of videos showing people with eating disorders (11.80 %children watching these on YouTube), videos showing violence ( 8.77 % children watching these on YouTube ), videos showing self-harm ( 8.67 % children watching these on YouTube) and videos showing shocking and disgusting content ( 8.62 % children watching these on YouTube)

rate of watching educational content –one fifth of children watch this type of video on YouTube

classic verbal aggression dominates (experienced by approx. 27 % Czech children), followed by account breach (12.64 %) and misuse of a humiliating photo (12.25 %)

13 % children report to have purchased a product on-line, paid for it, but the product has never been delivered –these respondents have probably fallen victim to on-line fraud. Respondents also confirm the presence of so called sharenting –over 1900 children (7.8 %) from our sample confirm that parents have uploaded a photo or video of them, without consent

Internet dating is also included on a regular basis –26.77 % respondents (7274 children out of 27177)confirm to have received a real-life meet-up proposal from an Internet user (user not known from the real world). Almost 70 % of invited children actually turned up (5081 out of 7274) " (Kopecký Szotkowski, 2020, pp. 28)