

The Activity by Civil Groups

Recently, in many communities, parents and teachers have begun to learn and teach each other. People in several towns, have been organizing to make learning system about the internet or to promote cellular phone literacy in support their children's safety.



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In Nonoichi Town, Ishikawa prefecture, Children were cautioned against using cell-phone.



Group meeting of parents in Gunma prefecture

It's dangerous!



危険がいっぱい！
子供のケイタイ



Lecture meeting in Nagano prefecture



Many kind of teaching materials



The present condition and problem of using Cellular phones by children

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Nationwide Spread Internet, Cellular phone And negative effects children.

Computer communication technology has brought huge benefits. However children have suffered from a number of negative effects that the technology brings.

For the past five years, cellular phones connected with Internet have increased rapidly in Japan. Especially almost every teenager has gotten a cellular phone. Furthermore many children, high school and middle school children have been involved in crime by using cellular phone.

The notable issue is the flood of illegal and dangerous information and materials that incite hatred, violence and rape stimulated by unhealthy contacts images on the Internet.

For example They are getting money from adults by fraud. Cellular phones help make some children become swindlers.

Furthermore, thanks to new mobile phone technology, there were 400 cases child prostitution reported to the police in the first half of 2002.

National police agency officials are doing lot of effort to regulate dating websites. However, there are many kinds of loopholes.

Deai kei Saito Sites, websites for meeting people are functioning as lonely hearts club facades for pornography on the internet. The increasing number of such websites have been devoted to enabling adults meet school girls for sex. Such girls prostitution, by using Cellular phones, are called Enjo kosai instead of being labeled prostitutes.

As nationwide spread cellular phone and Internet using, Child protection remains of great concern to people in Japan, and civil society groups have established several community efforts to reduce crime among.

We, Netizen Vilage is a one of active civil society group in Japan. Netizen Vil. is a private organization for working together for shutting harmful information on Internet out of our children's eyes. We have been saving our children against noxious sites on Internet.

Netizen Vil, nonprofit organization (division of Institute of Civil Society) has been doing to support children on Internet and cellular phone network.



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Purposes of Internet use from cellular-phone, PHS and children's changing lifestyles.

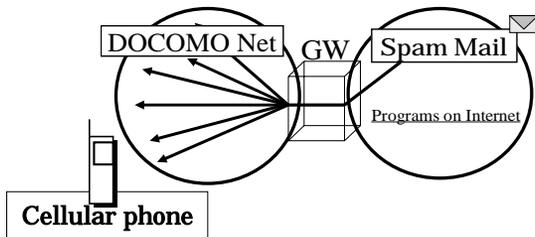
The growth curve of using cellular phone is great in Japan. Nowadays, almost all high school students (80%~90%) possess cellular phones.

As for the purposes of children's Internet use from cellular phone, use of Email is outstandingly high, followed by downloading, listening to online music, such as ringer melodies and purchasing paid contents, for example online games etc.

Such cell-phone use makes children waste valuable time and money.

Since 1999, cellular phone nets have been linked with Internet

A cellular phone is an Internet terminal.
Problems Internet use by cellular phone.



Spam mails to solicit prostitution are sent through the Internet. Teenage girls are thus connected to criminals with whom they had never before been linked.

There have never before been media which offer such services.

The use of the Internet to invite child prostitution, which by Internet exist only in Japan, can't be called progress in media services.

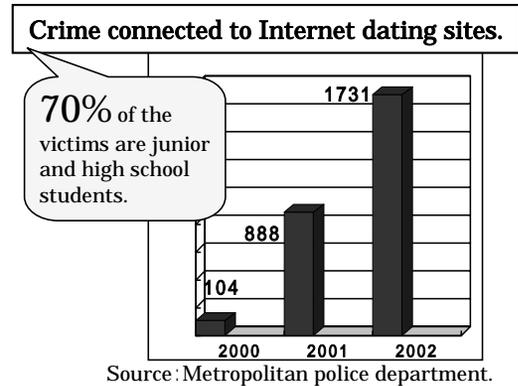
Many Dangers

Information harmful to children on the Internet has invaded children's cellular phones.

- Harmful information on the Internet
- Information to excite desire such as porno
- Information to urge violence and sites to invite the use of drugs and for sexual crimes
- Commercial strategies targeting children who do not have the ability to take responsibility and people who have weak judgement
- Information to invite discrimination and to violate human rights

Not only harmful information but also kinds of information which connect directly with crimes are on Internet. Especially information to harmfully shape children's mental growth and motivate them toward criminal acts are increasing. We need to educate the children and lobby for cyber police government funding.

Increasing Crimes



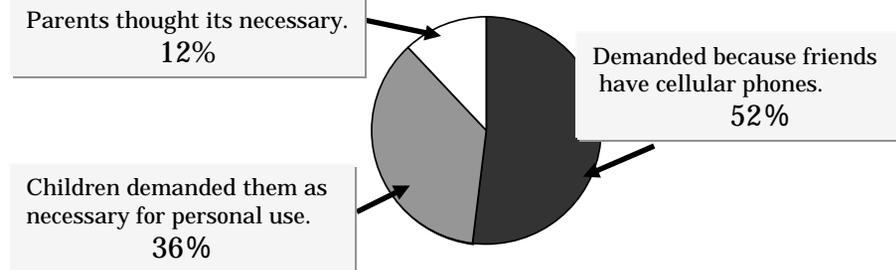
There are dating services to connect with unknown men and women through the Internet.

Information leading to prostitution is sent to children as they play and access such information by cellular phone. Children become involved in crime.

On the other hand, cases where high school girls send information to invite adults to have sex, are on the increase.

Problems in the Home

The reasons why parents allow children to possess cellular phones.



Source: Gunma PTA association

Most parents don't know the danger of cellular phones connected with black sites on Internet.

According to various investigations, parents blindly buy cellular phones for children when they demanded one.

They have no knowledge that it connects to harmful information. However, there are an increasing number of parents, who wish to get knowledge for their children.