

SSKW ANNOUNCES NEW INTERNET SAFETY SEMINAR:

“KEEPING SCHOOL STUDENTS SAFE IN THE DIGITAL AGE”

Increasingly, school students of all ages are relying on electronic communication through cell phones, instant messaging, social networking websites, and video chat. The meteoric rise of these new communication mediums and technologies brings a host of new dangers for our children. From texting to cyber-bullying, one only needs to watch the news to see the myriad of ways students are at risk through this new technology. Teachers, parents, and school administrators must work collaboratively to educate students about the dangers associated with these technologies, and must implement pro-active strategies to keep students safe.

Sweet Stevens, Katz & Williams LLP is proud to announce a new seminar entitled “Keeping School Students Safe in the Digital Age.” In this seminar, we focus on the significant dangers faced by children on the internet and through mobile devices from Facebook and internet predators, to cell phone picture messages and cyber-bullying. We then provide practical advice so that schools and parents can keep their students safe and secure.

Our presenter, Mark Cheramie Walz is an Associate at Sweet Stevens Katz & Williams and a former prosecutor with the Bucks County District Attorney’s Office. There, he served as the lead District Attorney for computer crimes while a member of the Special Victims Division. Through the investigation and prosecution of hundreds of cases involving children, Mr. Walz has gained an extensive knowledge of modern technologies and the dangers lurking within them. Mr. Walz has frequently lectured to students, parents, teachers, and administrators with a dynamic presentation of real-life cases. His experience as a former prosecutor and his current role as counsel to school districts gives Mr. Walz an insightful perspective for both children and adults.

This seminar is specifically catered to different audiences with a different emphasis for each. For administrators and teachers, the presentation will focus on considerations for policies and practices while avoiding legal pitfalls related to free speech, search and seizure and disciplinary consideration. For parents, the emphasis of the presentation is on awareness and prevention. New technologies are explained, along with the frequent hazards for young users. Finally, for students, the focus is on the identification of potential dangers, common sense strategies to stay safe, and the critical importance of making responsible choices with technology.

For more information, or to schedule this seminar for your Administrators, Faculty, Parents, or Students, please contact us at 215-345-9111.