



## **A message from professional surfer Kelly Slater...**

Obviously, being tied to SafeSurf would seem like a perfect match, me being a Professional Surfer and all, but the real issue here is the issue of online predators, just basically what I call creepy people. Being a father myself to an eleven-year-old daughter, this is definitely an issue close to my heart and mind and something all people should be concerned about for the safety and good of their communities and citizens.

There are many reasons why people are the way they are, but everyone and anyone should not be so easily subjected to their problems on such a large scale. Please become informed for the sake of your children, or if you are a child yourself, become informed and wise as to what to do about someone unknown to you approaching you for a chat online, especially if they ask to meet you afterwards. Never meet someone that you or your parents don't personally know and are aware of and find out what other precautions you can put in place to keep yourself free to have fun online but never in a dangerous or awkward situation.

I'm pleased to have been chosen to help keep you informed about what can be done for online safety because it's important not only to stay safe and spread any awareness you have about this but also to help report people who may be crossing the line so that they can be brought into the open and not be allowed to harm anyone else.

If you think you have been approached online by someone and are uncomfortable about it in any way, please inform your parents or another adult you trust to help you and report the incident. With everything you learn there are necessary measures put in place that we must also be mindful of.



When I ride a wave all I want to think about is how fun it is, but I must also be aware of the reef below, other people that may be in the way and what other things I can expect at some point to happen in the ocean. Usually it's all fun but occasionally I'll end up in a situation that's above my head and I have to know what to do. The first thing I had to learn in order to surf was how to swim in case I fell. Surfing the internet is no different. There are ways to be safe when you end up in a place you don't want to be. Never be afraid to ask for help so you know what to do in any situations you get yourself into. If I were scared to ask for help I could potentially drown in a situation where help could be near. Don't end up in that place. Be aware of what's out there on your computer and in life and you'll be more suited to have all the fun in the world and help other people out along the way.

Yours in Surfing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelly Slater'. The signature is stylized and fluid, with long, sweeping lines.

Kelly Slater