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Stealth Mode Pot Pipes- December's Trend of the Month

Orlando, Florida's Orange County school administrators have discovered a new covert operation for smoking pot, and it's quite fashion forward. Almost stylish bracelets, which convert into pipes,



have been spotted in Orange County schools, and the district is up in arms.

Although new to the Orange County school system, the wrist hookah stealth pipe has been around for a while, and was even featured in **High Times** magazine. We've heard that the pipe bowls attached to bendable tubes are sold on shhmokewear.com.

Letters describing the acces-

sories turned drug paraphernalia were sent to principals and school officials, along with pictures. Twenty-one year teaching veteran **Kathy Barbay** was shocked.

"This is scary because this is promoting drugs even earlier on," she told WKMG Local 6.

Her daughter, a high school senior, was impressed.

"If I saw that on one of my friends, I would not think twice about it," she said. "Honestly, it's smart. They would have never figured it out."

The plan for punishing students found with the bracelets includes suspension, and possibly expulsion if evidence of use is present.

Nobody has been caught just yet, but Barbay, who teaches

in a private school, expressed concern over these tactics.

"Whose responsibility is it going to be to look for this? Is it going to be the teacher's responsibility," asked Barbay. "And then, what do you do about the kids that have it on or its planted on them and they don't even know what it's for? Then you're punishing some students who truly may not understand what they're wearing, and this could get in the hands of younger kids and then you have a whole other problem."



Another method of hiding the hookah includes Lipstick pipes. This stealthy pipe is designed to look and feel like a real lipstick, the acrylic casing can be pulled away to reveal an anodized aluminum pipe. Small and discreet.

Net Speak

Have you ever looked over your kids shoulder and seen a bunch of letters or combination of letters numbers and symbols and wondered what secret code is that? This article is going to cover many of the popular Net Speak terms.

a/s/l - age,sex,location
alt - anyone there
a3 - anyplace, anywhere, anytime
aabf - as a best friend

adn - any day now
afk - away from keyboard
aitr - Adult in the room
ama - ask me anything
aos - adult over shoulder
atw - All the way
baf - bring a friend
bau - back at you
bbk - be back, ok?
bbl - be back later
bbp - Banned by parents
bbtn - be back tonite

bm&y -between you and me
brb -be right back
burma -be undressed ready my angel
p.o.s -parent over shoulder
iwu - i want you
iwuwh i wish you were here
iw2mu -I want to meet you
lwfusb-i wanna f\$%* you so bad
imh - I am here

You can find more at: <http://www.noslang.com/dictionary/>

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Internet Safety

Internet safety isn't about a bunch of rules telling you "never do this", or trying to scare you into safe behavior. Internet safety is about avoiding being ripped off, disrespected, bullied, scammed, or stalked while you're just trying to have a good time online. You don't need to be sold on all the really great opportunities the Internet offers, but you do need to understand how to dodge problems.

Staying safer just takes learning a few things

Most of you are already pretty good at using the online sites you're interested in or have friends that help you. Over 60 percent of you have already taken steps to be safer online.

But there is a real difference between the steps you've taken to be safe online and what it really takes to be safe and savvy online. The difference has nothing to do with how skilled you are at using Internet services - even the most advanced Web developer has to learn how to be safe online because the dangers come from other people, not programming code.

You are a commodity

The way 'free' services make money is not by selling advertising. What they sell is *access to you, and information about you* to advertisers, marketers and researchers, and others. Your information is also used by others looking to track people for various purposes.

Every piece of information

you post, and every action you take online has commercial value to someone. That isn't necessarily a bad thing. Your information helps companies provide you ads that are more targeted to your interests, it helps researchers know what kind of products to design, and so on. But your information is also used in negative and sometimes criminal ways. For example:

By someone who wants to embarrass or bully you.

Plagiarists who want to claim your content as their own.

By companies who want to use your information in ways that act against your interests Insurance companies are using information posted on blogs to deny coverage of medical claims, car accident claims, and so on.

Companies may reject your job application, find reasons to fire you, and so on.

By criminal organizations or individuals building profiles of people to scam, steal identities, hijack computers, find interesting homes to break into or cars to steal, people to physically harm, and so on As you provide information consider how it is being sold, bought, or simply taken and make sure you're okay with potential outcomes. Learn how information as a commodity relates to taking surveys, chat, discussion boards, and forums, online dating, creating safe personal e-mail aliases, sharing Images and Video, and gaming online.

Why the terms and conditions matter on your profiles and sites

You may be surprised to learn that many sites you are likely to use include in their usage terms the right to use any of your information in any way they choose. If they own your content and profile, and your information is 'repurposed,' there isn't much you can do about it.

If you don't understand what the settings and permissions really mean, they might not be what you intend

Example: This 23-year-old set her social networking site to private. But on this 'private' page we learn much more than she imagined.

Her first name is Jessica, her last name is Massing (look at the URL). We know what she looks like and her ethnic background. How she dresses says a lot about the group she hangs with as well as her socio-economic status. We also know what city and state she lives in. Finding her phone number and address is just a search away. Finding articles about her in her local newspaper or on her school Web site is just a matter of another search.

What Jessica didn't understand is that setting her social networking site to private wasn't enough to protect her identity when 'private mode' still shows her photo, name, URL, city, state, and when she last logged in. With this much information, stealing her identity isn't hard, cyber bullying is one click away, customizing a scam to match her interests is easy, and so is showing up on her doorstep. To make this so-called private page be private she should have changed her profile picture to something less identifiable, taken her city (at least) out

of her profile, used a nickname instead of her real name, and made her URL anonymous

Today each drop of information is collected into personal virtual buckets. The information rarely disappears; rather, it accumulates, slowly building a comprehensive picture of your identities and lives. Small details about your appearance, where you live, go to school and work, financial status, emotional vulnerabilities, and the lives of those close to us all add up. Comments, actions, or images once posted online may stay long after you delete the material from your site or request a friend to delete your information from their site. You won't know who else has downloaded what you wrote or what search engine you

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crawled and stored a photo. You can't know who else sees your comments and judges you by them, nor will you have the opportunity in most cases to explain.

If you want to shed an earlier image and move in new directions, your previous postings may make it difficult. Perhaps an old relationship that you do not want to be associated with any longer remains online for anybody to see. You may have had embarrassing moments documented that won't go away.

Anyone – those with good intentions as well as those with intent to do harm – can dip into your virtual bucket and search for your information years from now. It may be the admissions director at a graduate school to a potential employer, or your future children or in-laws. Or it could be an identity thief or any other kind of predator, or anyone in your life who wants to lash out at you, can cause harm.

What seemed like a good idea at the time may come back to bite you in a variety of ways. So think before you post. It is far easier to think twice and refrain from posting than it is to try to take it back.

Getting and giving friends respect online

You know what's okay to say about your friends in the physical world, but there are some differences you need to consider when talking to others or about others online.

The first thing to consider is who will see your words online. In face-to-face conver-

sations you see who you're talking to and modify your comments to fit the situation. Over the phone you know who's on the call. Online you may or may not know who will see what you say. If someone else's site or your site is locked down to just friends you both know, you can use the same considerations as you would face-to-face or over the phone. If you don't know who else may see the interaction you have to assume that anyone could see it and respect your friends' privacy as you would expect them to respect yours. It's rude to expose information about someone – including pictures and videos -- without their permission. The only way you'll know what they want kept private is to ask them; and the only way for them to know what you want private is to tell them.

Identity theft is a big issue for teens

Lots of teens get tripped up because they figure they don't have enough money in their bank account to matter – if someone really wants to steal their \$54.13, they would go for it. But this is the wrong way to look at it. It's not what you have in your account that interests a criminal, *it's how far they can put you in debt.* A criminal is not likely to steal anything from your bank account because it would tip you off. What they're interested in is getting a \$40k loan using your identity. Because you are not likely to be checking your credit history it can be years before you discover that your credit rating is ruined and you owe money; and it's really hard to fix this years later. Your money isn't the only part of your reputation malicious or criminal people may be

interested in. Your reputation and photos are other elements of your identity that can be stolen, and trying to restore these may be even more difficult than restoring your credit. Learn how to avoid being a victim of Identity theft by going to:

<http://www.atg.wa.gov/InternetSafety/IDTheft.aspx>

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