

Kids online are at risk in Poland

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Poland was classified as a country with high risk for children using the Internet, a report quoted by 'Rzeczpospolita' shows.

More than half of Polish children getting online have received messages with sexual content. In comparison only 10% of the youngest German internet users have received similar messages. Online violence and releasing personal details are other problems noted in Poland, wnp.pl reports. Over 20% of Polish children using the internet have met with persons met online. The authors of the report say that the high risk is a result of a large number of children getting online in Poland (89%, EU average – 75%).

The authors on the report advise parents to use filtering methods and block access to certain websites and applications.

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