

West Bridgewater



Drug Education

THE CHAT ROOM - developed by Officer Ken Thaxter WBPD, and Angela Martelli, Intern, Bridgewater State College

The purpose of this exercise is to demonstrate how on-line predators can assume multiple identities to lure or groom victims.

When using this exercise, I initially assign the “roles” of “2cute4u94” and “smileygurl14” to two girls who are friends in the classroom. I then assign the roles of “Bballchicka12” and “Apr 1293” to two other girls and inform the class the latter are unknown girls from a neighboring town. I assume the role of “Luvrboy 45”. We then read the chat aloud and critique afterwards.

The class and I then re-read the script; however, I now assume the roles of “Luvrboy 45 , Bballchicka12, and Apr1293”.

I then discuss with the class again. I focus on how “Luvrboy45” used his other two “personalities” to gain the trust of the two friends by pretending to be two girls of a similar age. I point out how they apparently ganged up on “Luvrboy45” to remove him from the chat room.

I finish the exercise by stressing that you should never agree to meet in person someone that you “met” on-line.

2cute4u94: Hey howd u do on the science test today?

Smileygurl14: I think I did ok..... u?

2cute4u94: I know I at least passed

Smileygurl14: Im glad its over and ITS FRIDAY!!

LuvRboy45 enters room

Smileygurl14: So wat do u want 2 do 2nite?

2cute4u94: im not sure yet

2cute4u94: h/o ill call the girls

Smileygurl14: ok..

Bballchika12 enters room

APR1293 enters room

2cute4u94: k back. Movie night here or mall?

Smileygurl14: hmmm what movies?

LuvRboy45: what kind of movies do u guys like?

2cute4u94: well... we like to watch funny movies

APR1293: yea I loooooove Zac Efron, I cant get enough of HSM!

Smileygurl14: I think I saw that like a million times

LuvRboy45: you don't watch scary movies?

Bballchika12: I get nightmares so my mom doesn't let me watch them

LuvRboy45: well do you girls have bf's?

LuvRboy45: I could keep you safe during the scary movies....;0)

APR1293: ewww creep

Smileygurl14: yea ur being a creep

Bballchika12: mayb u should leave

LuvRboy45: y don't we all just watch a movie together?

APR1293: y don't u just beat it?!

LuvRboy45 exits room

2cute4u94: good job! Glad hes outta hea

Bballchika12: Me 2

2cute4u94: So wats ur name?

Bballchika12: Sarah

APR1293: Michelle

2cute4u94: im Lauren and Smileygurl14 is my friend Nicole

Smileygurl14:so where ya guys from?

APR1293: Taunton u?

2cute4u94: Bridgewater

we were thinking about going to the mall 2night, do you guys want to meet up there?

Bballchika12: yea def, wanna meet at like 630 in front of the movies?

Smileygurl14: for sure, we'll be in jeans, school hoodies and boots

Bballchika12: sweet ill be in some sort of jeans and red since its my
fav color!

2cute4u94: see ya at 6!

Everyone leaves the chat room