

The Internet Safety Technical Task Force
Fourth Quarterly Report to the Attorneys General
January 13, 2009

I. Introduction.

The Internet Safety Technical Task Force was created in February, 2008, in accordance with the Joint Statement on Key Principles of Social Networking Safety announced by the Attorneys General Multi-State Working Group on Social Networking and MySpace in January, 2008. This report is the last of four quarterly reports that the Task Force will submit to the Attorneys General, in addition to the Final Report, which was delivered to the Attorneys General on December 24, 2008.

II. Technology Advisory Board Activities.

Since the Third Quarterly Report, the Technology Advisory Board (TAB) has finished its review of the 40 public technology submissions and has submitted its findings to the Task Force. TAB member Professor Lee Hollaar responded to Task Force members' questions regarding the TAB's report at the Task Force meeting on November 19, 2008.

III. Research Advisory Board Activities.

The Research Advisory Board (RAB) completed its Literature Review of scholarly research on Internet child safety issues that concern the Task Force. RAB Chair danah boyd discussed the Literature Review with Task Force members at the meeting on November 19, 2008, and revised the document according to feedback received.

IV. Task Force Activities.

Since the Third Quarterly Report, the Task Force has received the TAB report and RAB Literature Review, and has incorporated these findings in to the Final Report. The Task Force held a meeting on November 19, 2008 in Washington, D.C. to discuss the first draft of the report and the conclusions of the TAB and the RAB. The Task Force revised the report according to members' comments in three different drafts. The Task Force then circulated a final draft and collected one-page individual member comments, dissents, and elaborations, which are appended to the report. The Final Report will be publicly released at noon on January 14, 2009, and a website dedicated to downloading all parts of the report, as well as to providing the public with access to educational resources and related materials, will be launched at that time, at the following url: <http://cyber.law.harvard.edu/pubrelease/isttf/>.