



# Acronyms to Know

Partial list obtained from Webopedia.com and Net\_smartz.org

**Highlighted acronyms are those identified by Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) investigators as most commonly used**

## A

- A3 = Anytime, anywhere, anyplace
- AAMOF = As A Matter Of Fact
- AAR = At any rate
- AAP = Always a pleasure
- ADD = Address
- ADN = Any day now
- AFAIK = As Far As I Know
- AFAIC = As Far As I'm Concerned
- AFAICT = As Far As I Can Tell
- AFK = Away From Keyboard
- AKA = Also known as
- AML = All my love
- AOTA = All of the above
- ARE = Acronym-rich environment
- ASAP = As soon as possible
- ASL or A/S/L = Age, Sex, Location**
- AT = At your terminal**
- ATM = At the moment

## B

- B = Back
- B4 = Before**
- B4N or BFN = Bye for now**
- BAK = Back At Keyboard**
- BAU = Business as usual
- BBL = Be back later**
- BBIAB = Be back in a bit
- BBML = Be back much later
- BBN = Bye bye now
- BBS = Be back soon**
- BC = Because
- BCNU = Be seein' you
- BEG = Big evil grin
- BF = Best friend**
- B/F = Boyfriend**
- BFG = Big fu\*\*ing grin
- BFN = Bye for now**
- BG = Big grin
- BBIAF or BBIAM = Be back in a few (minute)

- BGWM = Be gentle with me
- BICBW = But I could be wrong
- BL = Belly laughing
- BM&Y = Between me and you**
- BMG = Be my guest
- BMTIPG = Brilliant minds think in parallel gutters
- BRB = Be Right Back**
- BRT = Be right there
- BTA = But then again
- BTDT = Been there, done that**
- BTW = By the way
- BWL = Bursting with laughter
- BWTHDIK = But what the heck do I know

## C

- C&G = Chuckle and grin
- CFN or C4N - Ciao for now
- CID = Consider it done; or Crying in disgrace
- CMIIW = Correct me if I'm wrong
- CNP = Continued (in my) next post
- CP = Chat post
- CRB = Come right back
- CRBT = Crying really big tears
- CRS = Can't remember sh\*\*
- CSG = Chuckle, snicker, grin
- CSWGAS = Call someone who gives a sh\*\*
- CU or CUA = See you (around)**
- CUL or CUL8R = See you later
- CUZ = because
- CWYL = Chat with you later
- CYA = See ya**
- CYO = See you online**

## D

- DEGT = Don't even go there
- DIKU = Do I know you?
- DITYID = Did I tell you I'm distressed?
- DL = Dead link
- DLTBBB = Don't let the bed bugs bite
- DQMOT = Don't quote me on this

- DTA = Don't think so
- DYOH = Do your own homework

## E

- EG = Evil grin
- EMA = E-mail address
- EMFBI = Excuse me for butting in
- EOD = End of discussion/End of day
- EOM = End of message
- EOT = End of thread

## F

- F2F = Face to face**
- F2T = Free to talk
- FAQ = Frequently asked question(s)
- FBM = Fine by me
- FC = Fingers crossed
- FICCL = Frankly I couldn't care less
- FISH = First in, still here
- FITB = Fill in the blank
- FMTYEWTK = Far more than you ever wanted to know
- FO = Fu\*\* Off
- FOMCL = Falling off my chair laughing
- FRT = For real though
- FTBOMH = From the bottom of my heart
- FU = Fu\*\* You
- FUD = Fear, uncertainty and doubt
- FWIW = For what it's worth
- FYEO = For your eyes only
- FYI = For your information**

## G

- G = Grin
- G2G or GG = Gotta go**
- G2R = Gotta run
- G2CU = Good to see you
- G9 = Genius
- GA = Go Ahead
- GAL = Get a life
- GB = Goodbye
- GDR, GD&R or GD/R = Grinning, ducking and running

**G/F = Girlfriend**

GFETE= Grinning from ear to ear  
 GFN = Gone for now  
 GIAR = Give it a rest  
 GIWIST = Gee, I wish I'd said that  
 GL = Good luck  
 GMBO = Giggling my butt off  
 GMTA= Great minds think alike  
 GOI = Get over it  
 GOL = Giggling out loud  
 GRA = Go right ahead  
 GT = Good try  
 GTGTTBR=Got to go to the bath room  
 GTRM = Going to read mail  
 GTSY = Glad to see you

**H**

**H&K= Hug(s) and kiss(es)**  
 H2CUS = Hope to see you soon  
 H8 = Hate  
 HAGN or HAGO = Have a good night  
 (one)  
 HAND = Have a nice day  
 HHIS = Hanging head in shame  
 HHOK = Ha Ha, only kidding  
 HRU = How are you?  
 HT = Hi there  
 HTH = Hope this helps

**I**

IAC = In any case  
 IAE = In any event  
 IANAL = I am not a lawyer (but)  
 IANARS = I am not a rocket scientist  
 IB = I'm back  
 IC = I see  
 ICBW = It could be worse  
 IDK or 411 = I don't know  
 IDTS = I don't think so  
 IHA = I hate acronyms  
 IIRC = If I remember correctly  
 ILBL8 = I'll be late  
**ILU or ILY - I love you**  
 IM = Instant message  
 IMing = Chatting with someone online  
 IMHO = In my humble opinion  
 IMNSHO = In my not so humble  
 opinion  
 IMO = In my opinion  
 IMPOV = In my point of view

IMS = I am sorry  
 IOW = In other words  
 IPN = I'm posting naked  
 IRL = In real life  
 IRMC = I rest my case  
 ISP = Internet Service Provider  
 IUSS = If you say so  
 IWALU = I will always love you  
 YKWMIM = If you know what I mean  
 YO = In your opinion  
 YISS = If you say so  
 YISWIM = If you see what I mean

**J**

j00r = Your  
 JAC = Just a sec  
 JBOD = Just a bunch of disks  
 JIC = Just in case  
 JJA = Just joking around  
 JK = Just kidding  
 JMO = Just my opinion  
 JP = Just playing  
 JTLYK = Just to let you know  
 JW = Just wondering

**K**

K or KK = Okay  
 KIS = Keep it simple  
**KISS=Keep it simple stupid**  
 KIT = Keep in touch  
 KMA = Kiss My A\*\*  
 KNIM = Know what I mean?  
 KOL = Kiss on lips  
**KOC or KOTC=Kiss on (the) cheek**  
**KOL or KOTL=Kiss on (the) lips**  
 KWIM = Know what I mean?

**L**

L2M = Listening to music  
**L8TR= Later**  
 LD = Later dude  
 LDR = Long distance relationship  
 LHM = Lord help me  
 LHU = Lord help us  
 LLTA = Lots and lots of thunderous  
 applause  
**LMAO=Laughing my a\*\* off**  
 LMIRL = Let's meet in real life  
 LMFAO= Laughing my fu\*\*ing a\*\* off  
 LMSO = Laughing my socks off

**LOL = Laughing out loud**

LRF = Little rubber feet  
 LSHMBB = Laughing so hard my belly  
 is bouncing  
 LSHMBH = Laughing so hard my belly  
 hurts  
 LSHTTARDML = Laughing so hard the  
 tears are running down my leg  
 LTM = Laughing to myself  
 LTR = Long term relationship  
 LTNS = Long time no see  
 LTS = Laughing to self  
 LULAB = Love you like a brother  
 LULAS = Love you like a sister  
 LUWAMH = Love you with all my heart  
 LY = Love you

**M**

M8 = mate  
 M/F = Male or female?  
**MFI= Mad for it**  
**MorF= Male or Female?**  
**MoS= Mother over shoulder**  
 MOSS = Member of same sex  
 MOTOS = Member of the opposite sex  
 MSG = message  
 MTF = More to follow  
 MTFBWU = May the force be with you  
 MUSM = Miss you so much  
 MYOB = Mind your own business

**N**

NADT = Not a darn/dam\* thing  
 NBD = No big deal  
 NE1 = anyone  
 NIFOC = Naked in front of computer  
 NM = Never mind/Not much  
 NMH = Not much here  
 n00b = Newbie  
 NO1 = no one  
 NOYB = none of your business  
 NRN = Not right now; or No response  
 necessary  
 NP = No problem; or nosy parents  
 NVM = nevermind  
 NW = No way  
 NW) = No way out

**O**

**OIC=Oh I see**

OL = Old lady  
 OLL = Online love  
 OM = Old man  
**OMG = Oh my God**  
 OMW = On my way  
 ONNA = Oh no, not again!  
 OO = Over and out  
 OOH = Out of here  
 OOTD = One of these days  
 OTB = Off to bed  
 OTF = Off the floor  
 OTTOMH = Off the top of my head  
 OTOH = On the other hand  
 OP or OTP = On the phone

**P**  
 P2P = Peer to peer  
 P911 or PA = Parent alert!  
 PAL = Parents are listening  
 PANB = Parents are nearby  
 PANS = Pretty awesome new stuff  
 PAW = Parents are watching  
**PCM = Please call me**  
 PDA = Public display of affection  
 PDS = Please don't shoot  
**PLS or PLZ = Please**  
**PM = Private message**  
 PMP = Peed my pants  
 PMFI or PMFI = Pardon me for  
 interrupting (jumping in)  
 POAHF = Put on a happy face  
**POS = Parents over shoulder**  
 POTS = Plain old telephone service  
 POV = Point of view  
 PPL = People  
**PROLLY = Probably**  
 PRT = Party  
 PRW = People/parents are watching  
 PTMM = Please tell me more  
 PXT = Please explain that  
 PU = That stinks!

**Q**  
 QSL = Reply  
 QSO = Conversation  
**QT = Cutie**

**R**  
 REHI = Hello Again (re-hi!)  
 ROL = Raffing out loud  
 RL = Real life  
 RME = Rolling my eyes  
**ROTFL or ROFL = Rolling on the floor  
 laughing**  
 ROTFLUTS = Rolling on the floor  
 laughing, unable to speak  
 RPG = Role playing games  
**RTFM = Read the fu\*\*ing manual**  
 RUOK? = Are you okay?  
 RSN = Real soon now  
 RYO = Roll your own

**S**  
 S4L = Spam for life  
 SAL = Such a laugh  
 SC = Stay cool  
 SETE = Smiling ear to ear  
 SF = Surfer friendly  
 SHCOON = Shoot hot coffee out of  
 nose  
 SHID = Slap head in disgust  
 SICR = Sorry I could not resist  
 SIG2R = Sorry I've got to run  
 SNERT = Snot nosed egotistical rude  
 teenager  
 SO = Significant other  
**SOMY = Sick of me yet?**  
 SOT = Short of time  
 SOTMG = Short of time, must go  
 SPST = Same place, same time  
 SRY = Sorry  
**SSDD = Same stuff, different day**  
 SSINF = So stupid it's not funny  
 SS = So sorry  
**STR8 = Straight**  
 STW = Search the web  
 SUITM = See you in the morning  
 SUL or SYL = See you later  
**SUP (or WU) = What's up?**  
 SWAK = Sealed with a kiss  
 SWL = Screaming with laughter  
 SYS = See you soon

**T**  
 TA = Thanks a lot (or again)

TAFN = That's all for now  
 TAW = Teachers are watching  
 TBA = To be announced  
 TBH = To be honest  
 TCOB = Taking care of business  
 TCOY = Take care of yourself  
 TEOTWAWKI = The end of the world as  
 we know it  
 TFH = Thread from hell  
 TGIF = Thank God it's Friday  
 THX or **THNX** or THNQ = **Thanks or  
 thank you**  
 TLK2UL8R = Talk to you later  
 TIA = Thanks in advance  
 TIAD = Tomorrow is another day  
 TILII = Tell it like it is  
 TLK2UL8R = Talk to you later  
 TMB = Text me back  
 TMI = Too much information  
 TMOT = Trust me on this  
 TMWFI = Take my word for it  
 TNSTAAFL = There's no such thing as a  
 free lunch  
 TNT = 'Til next time  
 TOPCA = 'Til our paths cross again  
 TOY = Thinking of you  
 TPM = Tomorrow P.M.  
 TPTB = The powers that be  
**TSTB = The sooner the better**  
 TSWC = Tell someone who cares  
 TTT = Thought that too  
 TTTT = These things take  
 time  
**TTYL = Talk to you later**  
 TTYS = Talk to you soon  
**TU or TY = Thank you**  
 TYT = Take your time  
 TYVM = Thank you very much

**U**  
 UGTBK = You've got to be  
 kidding  
 UKTR = You know that's  
 right  
 UL = Upload  
**UR = Your or You're**  
 URL = Web page address

UV = Unpleasant visual

**UW = You're welcome**

**V**

VBG = Very big grin

**W**

WAM = Wait a minute

WAN2TLK = Want to talk?

WAYF = Where are you from?

WB = Welcome back

W/B = Write back

WDALYIC = Who died and left you in charge?

W/E = Whatever

WFM = Works for me

WIBNI = Wouldn't it be nice if

WIIFM = What's in it for me?

WK = week

WKD = Weekend

WFM = Works for me

WOMBAT = Waste of money, brains and time

WRK = Work

WRUD = What are you doing?

**WTF = What the fu\*\*?**

WTH = What the heck?

WTG = Way to go

WTGP = Want to go private?

WU? or SUP = What's up?

WUCIWUG or WYSIWYG = What you see is what you get

WUF = Where are you from?

**X**

X = Kiss

XLNT = Excellent

**Y**

YA = Your

YBS = You'll be sorry

YG = Young gentleman

YGBKM = You've gotta be kidding me

YGIAGAM = Your guess is as good as mine

YL = Young lady

YM = Young man

YKWCYD = You know what you can do

YR = Your

YT? = You there?

YW = You're welcome

**Z**

ZZZ = Sleeping

**Emoticons to Know**

**0:) or 0:-) Angel**

**:@ or :-@ Angry or screaming**

**>:-( Angry or annoyed**

**;-)=) Big Grin**

**:0 or :-0 Bored**

**:c or :-c Bummed out**

**:'( Crying/sad**

**:> Devilish grin**

**} -) Evil**

**:] Friendly**

**{ } Hug**

**:\*) Kiss**

**:-[ Real Downer**

**==:-) Shocked**

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**Smiling**

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**Trekkie**

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**Surprised**

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**Unhappy, looking away**

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**Talking**

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**Tongue Out**

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**Winking** □



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r u?" And just before that, "Are you a brat?" What this person and others don't know is that everything they say online is automatically being recorded and kept for evidence purposes should they take the conversation to that next level.

Sergeant Thompson says it's important to "document everything from first sign-on with a log book... have programs set up to record all communication; build a case file. Take photographs on a search warrant." He also says you'll need to send the computer and media to an appropriate computer forensics lab – an often lengthy process due to high volume and backlogs.

A recent study shows that this type of evidence, when properly captured, is very solid in a court of law in these types of cases. The study, entitled "Police Posing as Juveniles Online to Catch Sex Offenders: Is It Working?", focused on proactive investigations where UC officers posed as minors. Findings specifically indicated that the prosecution of these cases produced high rates of guilty pleas and low rates of dismissed or dropped cases, despite efforts of the defense in arguing that the situation was "entrapment", "fantasy" or "role-playing", or "factual impossibility".<sup>6</sup>

For investigators interested in getting more involved, Sergeant Thompson and Special Agent McClure both suggest starting by contacting the ICAC task force nearest you where you can get at least basic training and software and inquire about funding. For contact information, visit the general ICAC Training Web site at **www.icactraining.org**. In addition, NW3C offers an array of Cyber Crime courses at no cost to member agencies, as well as several DVD resources for parents, children, and investigators.

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