

# SURF ONLINE SAFE

CYBER SAFETY FOR ALL OF US

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Who is Paul Litherland & why is he on the march to make Surf Online Safe the best it can be?

From 2009 to 2014, I was working within the Technology Crime Investigation Unit of the Western Australia Police. A division of Computer Crime, we dealt with issues ranging from people being ripped off on Ebay and Gumtree, to Romance Scams and Hacking, right up to kids being approached online by predators. It was a massive world of which even I did not realise was so out of control.

The last few years of my career, I became increasingly frustrated with the lack of legislation and authority I had as a Police Officer to act on the concerns of the parents and educators who were contacting my office on a daily basis. The vast majority of these calls were ended with the simple phrase, "Sorry, but it is not against the law." It was upsetting to respond in this way, but in reality, I had no choice. The internet has been around since 1994 in this country and yet legislation has failed (or refused) to catch up. As such, many schools, parents and kids themselves are being left to deal with such matters on their own. I simply felt this was unacceptable.

By 2013, in addition to pressing our government for change, I decided that education was a better approach. I felt that if I could get my message out to as many schools as possible, the risks our kids are being exposed to every day, would hopefully reduce. I soon started presenting to 5 schools in my local community and Surf Online Safe was born. Over the past 5 years, Surf Online Safe has grown amazingly and I am now presenting to over 300 schools and organisations across Perth, including some of WA's most prestigious colleges.

Last year, over 65 thousand students, parents and educators had seen an SOS presentation. So my message is getting to more and more kids each year and I am proud of that. The demand for my presentations has increased dramatically across WA and I look forward to becoming part of your school community.

## PRESENTATIONS

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A Surf Online Safe presentation is not simply about "Don't do this or don't do that". I offer audiences a real world understanding of where our kids are going online and introduce ways of helping them understand and embrace that environment. Rather than scaring them off the internet, I help build an understanding of how to grow with their kids online to build a culture within the home and at school toward appropriate internet use. A culture that gives kids the freedom to explore and interact with their peers online, whilst still understanding the concerns their parents and educators have in regard to online footprint and digital citizenship. I pride myself on the very positive feedback I get from parents and educators who have seen an SOS presentation, especially in regard to my presentation style and subject matter.

## PAUL LITHERLAND

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Your Presenter  
Paul Litherland  
Owner  
Surf Online Safe

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Paul has worked extensively in the field of Technology Crime. During that time he gained a world of knowledge in all aspects of online crime, from Online Fraud to how predators use the internet to groom our kids. He has numerous qualifications holding him in good stead in an ever evolving environment. To view Paul's credentials, visit [au.linkedin.com/in/surfonlinesafe](https://au.linkedin.com/in/surfonlinesafe) or visit [www.surfonlinesafe.com.au/about.html](http://www.surfonlinesafe.com.au/about.html)