

**17.546 Registrant prohibited from using social networking Web site or instant messaging or chat room program accessible by minors -- Registrant prohibited from photographing, filming, or making a video of a minor without consent of minor's parent or guardian.**

- (1) As used in this section:
  - (a) "Instant messaging or chat room program" means a software program that allows two (2) or more persons to communicate over the Internet in real time using typed text; and
  - (b) "Social networking Web site" means an Internet Web site that:
    1. Facilitates the social introduction between two (2) or more persons;
    2. Allows a person to create a Web page or a personal profile; and
    3. Provides a person who visits the Web site the opportunity to communicate with another person.
- (2) No registrant shall knowingly or intentionally use a social networking Web site or an instant messaging or chat room program if that Web site or program allows a person who is less than eighteen (18) years of age to access or use the Web site or program.
- (3) No registrant shall intentionally photograph, film, or video a minor through traditional or electronic means without the written consent of the minor's parent, legal custodian, or guardian unless the registrant is the minor's parent, legal custodian, or guardian. The written consent required under this subsection shall state that the person seeking the consent is required to register as a sex offender under Kentucky law.
- (4) Any person who violates subsection (2) or (3) of this section shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

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