[DE] Jugendschutz.net Reports Record Number of Youth Protection Infringements on the Internet in 2007

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In its recently published annual report, jugendschutz.net, the body founded in 1997 by the Youth Ministers of the *Bundesländer* to monitor youth protection on the Internet and which is attached to the *Kommission für Jugendmedienschutz* (Commission for the Protection of Young People in the Media), reported a record number of infringements of youth protection laws on the Internet in 2007.

The organisation reported a total of 2,883 infringements, 10% more than in the previous year.

Most of the infringements were committed on pornographic and extreme right-wing Internet sites. However, social networking sites such as SchülerVZ and Facebook can also be dangerous, since – in the opinion of jugendschutz.net – they encourage children and young people to divulge their personal details on the Internet.

In order to remove the offending material, jugendschutz.net favours co-operation with Internet service providers. It reports that this strategy has already been successful, with 75% of all such material being removed at its request, without the need for any further action.

In 2007, jugendschutz.net dealt with a total of 9,200 complaints and enquiries and checked 7,164 websites. It also continually monitored 65 of the most important chat and community sites.

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