

## **Are you IAT? (Internet Acronym Trained?)**

With the advent of email and text messaging, “short cuts” in writing have become prevalent. While LOL (laugh out loud) and TTYL (talk to you later) are among the most common of these short cuts, other acronyms are frequently used online. Several that adults should be the most aware of are those that are used to “keep secrets” or to communicate data best kept private.

Are you aware of:

**ASL or A/S/L** : Age/Sex/Location

**POS**: Parent Over Shoulder

**PM**: Personal Message

**CD9**: Parents Nearby (Code 9)

**MorF**: Male or Female?

**MOOS**: Members of the Opposite Sex

**MWBRL**: More Will Be Revealed Later

**NIFOC**: Nude in Front of the Computer

Discussion starters for parents/guardians: [www.netzsmartz.com](http://www.netzsmartz.com)

**Safety suggestion:** Write the telephone number of parents and/or guardians in black permanent marker on the inside of younger children’s shoes. This can be a secret place where they can find the number if they need it in an emergency.