

Texas attorney general warns parents about video chat site Chatroulette

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Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has issued a consumer alert warning parents to keep their children away from video chat Web site Chatroulette.

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Abbot says the increasingly popular site poses a threat to children by giving users – including dangerous sex offenders – an opportunity to conduct live video chats with randomly selected participants

Users are paired with a random stranger for a video chat. The site does not require a login or registration. Users simply click “next” to be shuffled to a new video chat partner.

According to Abbott, an undercover investigation by the Cyber Crimes Unit revealed that nearly half of the randomly selected users encountered by investigators immediately exposed themselves and conducted sexually explicit acts on camera.