

Abstract

This bachelor thesis deals with the issues related to risks of electronic communication for children and it highlights the current situation in the 6th classes of selected elementary schools in Prague and Písek. It compares children's attitudes to new technologies, their information on Internet risk behaviour and experience with risks of electronic communications. Moreover, it determines the degree of preventive measures taken by parents and schools.

The theoretical part deals with forms of electronic communication, risk factors for Internet addiction and it describes the different types of danger of electronic communication. Further the thesis summarizes the impact of new technologies on child development and characteristics of developmental stages of a child. The conclusion of this section is devoted to media literacy of children and especially preventive actions against the risk of electronic communication.

The thesis points out that the rate of use of new technologies by the younger children is currently growing and therefore the risk of a dangerous encounter with electronic communications increases. Consequently it is important to ensure appropriate and targeted prevention by parents, schools and institutions.

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