

CyberTipline®

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WHO

Authorized by Congress, NCMEC's CyberTipline is operated in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Forces, U.S. Secret Service (USSS), U.S. Department of Justice's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), as well as other international, state, and local law enforcement.

WHAT

Launched in March 1998 the CyberTipline offers a means of reporting incidents of child sexual exploitation including the possession, manufacture, and/or distribution of child pornography; online enticement of children; child prostitution; child sex tourism; extrafamilial child sexual molestation not in the family; unsolicited obscene material sent to a child; and misleading domain names, words, or digital images. The CyberTipline is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

GOALS

To empower the public to take immediate and direct action to enforce a zero-tolerance policy regarding child sexual exploitation. To assist all levels of law enforcement by providing one streamlined reporting tool enhancing information sharing and collaborative efforts to combat these crimes.

LAWS

Federal law (18 U.S.C. §2258A) requires electronic service providers (ESPs) to register with the CyberTipline and report apparent child pornography directly to the CyberTipline.

FUNDING

The CyberTipline is supported by the federal government and corporate donors.

HOW

Any incidents reported to the CyberTipline online or by telephone go through this three-step process.

- CyberTipline operators review and prioritize each lead.
- NCMEC's Exploited Children Division analyzes tips and conducts additional research.
- The information is accessible to the FBI, ICE, and USPIS via a secure Web connection. Information is also forwarded to the ICAC Task Forces and pertinent international, state, and local authorities and, when appropriate, to the electronic service provider.

Reports Received on CyberTipline as Classified by Individual Filing Report March 9, 1998-This Quarter	January – March 2012	Project Total
Child Pornography	71,201	1,271,374
Child Prostitution	402	11,462
Child Sex Tourism	39	3,921
Child Sexual Molestation (Not in the Family)	512	21,332
Misleading Domain Name	95	10,344
Misleading Words or Digital Images on the Internet	322	7,724
Online Enticement of Children for Sexual Acts	1,151	56,209
Unsolicited Obscene Material Sent to a Child	135	9,468
Submitted Without Incident Type	1	866
Total	73,858	1,392,700