

CyberTipline

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WHO: Authorized by Congress, NCMEC's CyberTipline is operated in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces (ICACs), the U.S. Secret Service (USSS), the 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 of 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; child prostitution; child sex tourism; extrafamilial child sexual molestation; 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 that enhances information sharing and collaborative efforts to combat these crimes.

LAWS: Federal law (18 U.S.C. §2258A) requires Electronic Service Providers (ESPs) to: (1) register with the CyberTipline; and (2) 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 the USPIS via a secure Web connection. Information is also forwarded to the ICACs and pertinent international, state, and local authorities and, when appropriate, to the ESP.

STATISTICS: The week of April 20, 2009 (report #577) is as follows:

Type of Incident*	Weekly	Project to Date***
Child Pornography	1,919	593,963
Child Prostitution	19	7,676
Child Sex Tourism	1	3,083
Child Sexual Molestation (not in the family)	34	16,023
Online Enticement of Children for Sexual Acts	146	44,126
Unsolicited Obscene Material Sent to a Child ****	20	9,079
Misleading Domain Name*****	9	9,079
Misleading Words/Digital Images on the Internet*****	64	1,822
Total # of Reports **	2,212	683,487

*As selected by reporting person/caller when completing this form. **Blank Reports (included in total): 2,128 (Since March 9, 1998) ***Since March 9, 1998, **** Since Sept. 1, 2002, ***** Since April 20, 2004, *****Since Oct. 24, 2008

For more information on NCMEC's partners visit the FBI's home page (www.fbi.gov), the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement online (www.ice.gov), the US Postal Inspection Service's Web site (www.usps.gov/postalinspectors), or the US Department of Justice's "Safe Neighborhoods" campaign (www.usdoj.gov/safeneighborhoods.htm). The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), a national clearinghouse and resource center, is funded under Cooperative Agreement 2007-MC-CX-K001 from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, US Department of



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