

Online child sexual exploitation refers to the usage of the internet or communication technologies as a method to facilitate the sexual abuse of children and adolescents. This can take place directly online or through a combination of offline and online interactions. In a rapidly evolving technological world, children are increasingly connected as they navigate the online environment. However, it also poses a harmful risk because this exposure and increased presence on the internet gives offenders an easy way to reach children and misuse online environments to sexually exploit minors.

Reports of online enticement of minors increased by more than 300% from 44,155 in 2021 to 186,819 in 2023. In the U.S., the CyberTipline is the place to report child sexual exploitation. If you believe you or someone you know is a victim of exploitation, contact the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's call center at 1-800-843-5678,

ON-LINE CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

In 2023, the Cybertipline at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) received more than 36 million reports of suspected child sexual exploitation.

In 2023, the NCMEC Staff sent nearly 64,000 reports to law enforcement where there was concern that the child was in imminent danger. This was a 140% increase from 2021.

