

Cyber Tipline

Operated in partnership with the **FBI, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, US Postal Inspection Service, US Secret Service**, criminal investigative organizations, **US Department of Justice, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program**, as well as other state and local law enforcement agencies.

Reports to the Cyber Tipline are made by the public and Electronic Service Providers (ESPs). ESPs are required by law to report apparent child pornography to law enforcement via the Cyber Tipline (*18 U.S.C. § 2258A*).

Reports are continuously triaged to help ensure children in imminent danger get first priority.

Analysts Review Reports and:

- Examine and evaluate the content.
- Add related information that may be useful to law enforcement.
- Use publicly available search tools to determine the geographic location of the apparent criminal act.
- Provide all information to the appropriate law enforcement agency for potential investigation.

The Cyber Tipline:

- Assists law enforcement and prosecutors in their **detection, investigation, and prosecution** of child sexual exploitation crimes.
- Helps make law enforcement's efforts more efficient.
- Maximizes the limited resources available in the fight against child sexual exploitation.
- Has greatly enhanced its value as a source of leads for law enforcement by collaboration with ESPs.

In addition to referring Cyber Tipline reports to law enforcement for potential investigation, the **National Center for Missing and Exploited Children** engages with the Internet industry on voluntary initiatives to reduce childhood sexual exploitation online.

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