

# CyberTipline

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**WHO:** The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC), in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Innocent Images Task Force, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the US Department of Justice's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force units, and the US Postal Inspection Service work together with shared access to information to fight Internet crimes against children.

**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; extra familial child sexual molestation; and unsolicited obscene material sent to a child. 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:** NCMEC welcomed the passage of new legislation in December 1999 – title 42 U.S.C. 13032 (b) (1), requiring Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to report child pornography and child sexual exploitation 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 Child Unit analyzes tips and conduct additional research.
- The information becomes accessible to the FBI, the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the US Postal Inspection Service via a secure web connection. Information is also forwarded to pertinent state and local authorities and, when appropriate, to the ISP.

**STATISTICS:** The week of July 17, 2006 (report #434) is as follows:

TYPE OF INCIDENT*	WEEKLY	PROJECT TO DATE**
Child Pornography	1,077	367,226
Child Prostitution	14	3,720
Child Sex Tourism	17	1,683
Child Sexual Molestation (not in the family)	41	9,918
Online Enticement of Children for Sexual Acts	140	18,080
Unsolicited Obscene Material Sent to a Child****	37	3,196
Misleading Domain Name*****	43	2,286
<b>TOTAL # OF REPORTS**</b>	<b>1,369</b>	<b>407,276</b>

\*As selected by reporting person/caller when completing this form.

\*\*Blank Reports (included in total): 1,154 (Since March 9, 1998)

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