



# CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL

EDUCATION, PREVENTION & VICTIM RESOURCES



## WHAT IS CSAM?

Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM), a growing global threat, refers to any visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct involving a minor, including photos, videos, digital images, or computer-generated content.<sup>1</sup>

## CRIMINAL TACTICS

- As more children have unsupervised access to mobile devices and online gaming, offenders easily reach more children at younger ages for exploitation.<sup>2</sup>
- Criminal tactics can include on-line befriending and enticement of the victim followed by coercion, extortion or blackmail of victim to produce more images and/or to not report to anyone. Victims comply due to threats made by the criminal of releasing images to parents, peers or law enforcement.
- Criminals are using Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Deepfake to produce CSAM from any online photos of children.

UP TO **90%**  
OF CSAM INVOLVES  
CHILDREN UNDER 13<sup>2</sup>

## PREVENTION AND EDUCATION



To prevent sextortion and other kinds of internet sexual exploitation and abuse against minors, CID partners with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) to educate Army communities and their families about the dangers of online sex crimes.

The NCMEC Ambassador's Program educates communities, including parents, caregivers, and K-12 students, on child safety and the prevention of child victimization.

Topics include :

- Cyberbullying
- Personal safety
- Sex trafficking prevention through NetSmartz and KidsSmartz programs
- Online safety
- Sextortion

Free education resources can be found at: <https://www.missingkids.org/>.

## VICTIM RESOURCES & REPORTING

If you think you have seen a missing child, or suspect a child may be sexually exploited, contact NCMEC at **1-800-THE-LOST** or <https://report.cybertip.org/>.

If you are a victim affiliated with the Army, notify the Army Criminal Investigation Division by scanning the code or visiting: <https://www.cid.army.mil/Submit-a-Tip/>.



## SAFETY TIPS

- Set your child's social media accounts to 'private' to control who can see their online activity.
- Be wary of installing online games and apps that allow direct messaging, video chats or file uploading.
- Explain to children that any images or videos posted to any site or shared with 'friends' online will be permanently available on the internet.

## SUBMIT A TIP

Reporting is Anonymous



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<sup>1</sup> National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), Child Sexual Abuse Material

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.thorn.org/>