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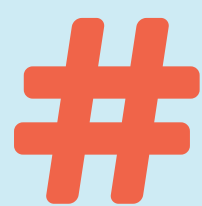
National Child  
Protection Week

3 - 9 September 2023

Children are the  
foundation of this  
society.

And if we can't take  
care of them, **what  
can we do?**

Anders Persson, Victim-Identification INTERPOL



Where we  
start  
matters



At the centre of the fight against child sexual exploitation is always removing children from harm.

This is the top priority for everyone fighting this crime.

It's vital that we reflect child sexual abuse victim-survivor voices in legislation and in general public discourse.



The online aspect to this crime means that victim-survivors continue to be harmed long after the physical abuse takes place.

Images and videos of abuse can be shared for years after the abuse, and continuously retraumatise victims.

**“The psychological scars can impact a young victim for years,”** says Hetty Johnson AM.

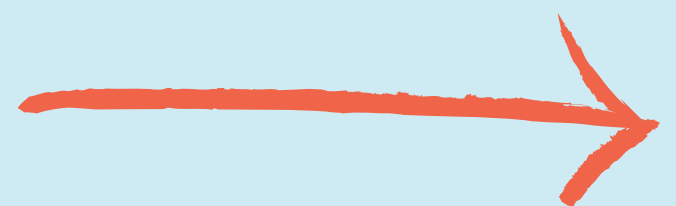


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More than  
**1 in 4**  
Australians have  
experienced child  
sexual abuse.

Australian Child Maltreatment Study 2023



We cannot ignore this crime.

And we need to shift more of our response focus away from offenders and towards a victim-centric approach.

“Fighting online sex crime has to be **fit for purpose.**”

Guillermo Galarza, ICMEC Global, in ‘Saving Our Kids’



National Child Protection Week emphasises the need of a community approach to protect each child from harm, and give them a fair go.

**Where we start matters.**

And where we start isn't where we end.

The voices of victim-survivors need to be at the centre of everything we do.





If you want to learn more about the complex response to online child sexual exploitation and how your organisation can help protect children, **get involved with ICMEC Australia.**



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