

Help & reporting services

Call 000 if a child is in immediate danger
or at immediate risk of harm.

Report online harm

Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE) provides several reporting mechanisms for inappropriate behaviour towards children.

 accce.gov.au/report

eSafety helps Australians prevent and deal with harm caused by serious online abuse or illegal and restricted online content.

 esafety.gov.au

Crime Stoppers is an anonymous service for people wanting to share information about unsolved crimes or suspicious activity.

 crimestoppers.com.au  1800 333 000

Get support

Kids Helpline is a free, confidential 24/7 online and phone counselling service for young people aged 5-25.

 kidshelpline.com.au  1800 551 800

Bravehearts provide a toll-free phone service for those seeking advice or help related to child sexual abuse.

 bravehearts.org.au  1800 272 831

Blue Knot advocate for and provide support to people who have experiences of complex trauma, and those who support them, personally and professionally.

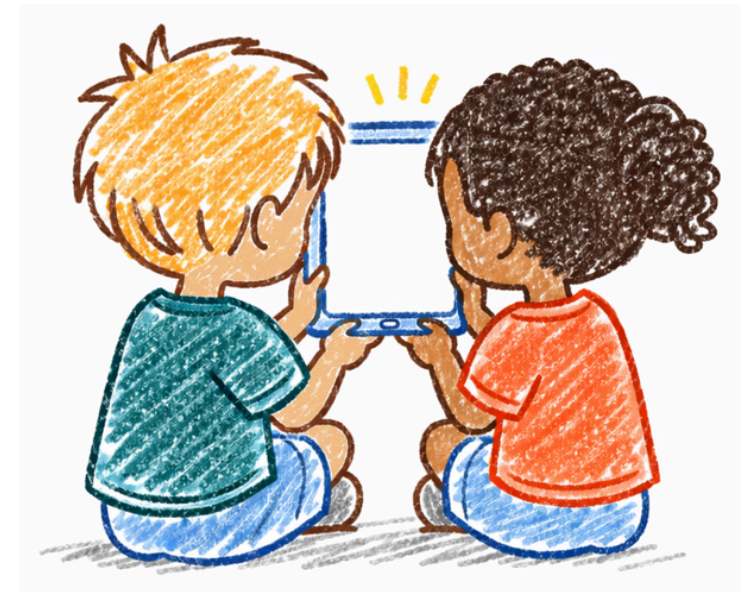
 blueknot.org.au  1300 657 380



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If a child has been harmed online

Where to get help and report harm

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*Information accurate at time of publication.
Please refer to each organisation's website for the
most up-to-date details.*

*Services listed are independent organisations.
Inclusion does not constitute endorsement.*

About ICMEC Australia

The International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children Australia is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to preventing and responding to online child exploitation and abuse.

We work with government, law enforcement, corporate, and community partners to improve systems, close gaps and help protect children from harm.

Helpful definitions

Child sexual exploitation and abuse (CSEA) –

Any act that exposes a child to, or involves a child in, unlawful or unacceptable sexual activities or interactions.

Online child sexual exploitation (OCSE) –

Child abuse or exploitation partly, or entirely, facilitated by technology or the internet.

Child sexual abuse material (CSAM) –

Any material that shows or describes child sexual abuse, including nude or sexual images of children (whether real, manipulated or AI-generated).

Grooming – Where an adult makes contact with a child to form a relationship for the purpose of enabling sexual abuse.

Sexual extortion – Online blackmail where an offender threatens to share sexual images unless a victim complies with demands.

82,764

reports

received by the ACCCE in the 2024-25 financial year.

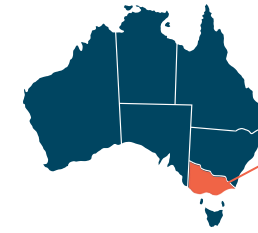
ACCCE, 2025



1 in 4 Australians

have experienced sexual abuse as a child.

ACMS, 2023



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state-based
resources

Child sexual exploitation and abuse is affecting communities across Australia.

Children are experiencing increasing levels of harm online, with reports of online exploitation continuing to rise nationally.

Emerging technologies, including AI, are making it easier to create, manipulate and share abusive material, and to target and exploit children.

Clear and accessible information about where to find help is essential, so people can access support quickly when they need it most.

If you or someone you know has been harmed online, you may consider the following steps:

- 1 Collect evidence**
Take screenshots, record social media details and webpage addresses, note dates/times.
- 2 Report harm**
Speak to police, report to ACCCE, eSafety, or relevant state-based services.
- 3 Stop contact**
Stop all contact, block offenders, increase account privacy.
- 4 Find support**
Get images removed by Take It Down, and seek support from available services.

For families & communities

Alannah & Madeline Foundation is dedicated to keeping children and young people free from violence and trauma.

alannahandmadeline.org.au

PartnerSPEAK supports non-offending partners, family members, friends, or anyone else who is affected by a person's involvement in child sexual abuse and child exploitation material.

partnerspeak.org.au ☎ 1300 590 589

Support to prevent further harm

Stop it Now! Australia is a child sexual abuse prevention program working with adults concerned about their own, or someone else's sexual thoughts or behaviours towards children.

stopitnow.org.au ☎ 1800 01 1800

Need an image removed?

Take It Down is one step you can take to help remove nude, partially nude, or sexually explicit photos and videos online taken before you were 18.

takeitdown.ncmec.org