



CYBERTIPLINE FACT SHEET

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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 11, 2005 is as follows:

TYPE OF INCIDENT*	WEEKLY	PROJECT TO DATE**
Child Pornography	1,593	305,014
Child Prostitution	5	2,932
Child Sex Tourism	2	1,298
Child Sexual Molestation (not in the family)	33	8,179
Online Enticement of Children for Sexual Acts	50	13,925
Unsolicited Obscene Material Sent to a Child****	8	2,014
Misleading Domain Name*****	5	885
TOTAL # OF REPORTS**	1,696	335,399

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

**Blank Reports: 1,030 (Since March 9, 1998)

Since March 9, 1998; *Since September 1, 2002; *****Since April 20, 2004

For more information on NCMEC's partners visit the FBI's home page (www.fbi.gov), the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement online (www.ice.gov), the US Postal Inspection Service's web site (www.usps.gov/postalinspectors), or the US Department of Justice's "Safe Neighborhoods" campaign (www.usdoj.gov/safeneighborhoods.htm).

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