



Child Exploitation and Online Protection - C.E.O.P

How can CEOP help my child?

CEOP helps keep children and young people safe from sexual abuse and grooming online. We help thousands of children and young people every year, as well as their parents and carers who have been in a similar situation to you. We are here to help and give you advice, and you can make a report directly to us if something has happened to your child online which has made either you or your child feel unsafe, scared, or worried. This might be from someone they know in real life, or someone they have only ever met online. If you make a report to us, it will be read by one of our Child Protection Advisors who will get in contact with you on the phone number or email address that you give to us to talk about what you have reported, to make sure your child is safe and discuss what will happen next. Please try not to worry, your child has done nothing wrong, and we will do all we can to help. We will work together with you and lots of other professionals whose jobs are also to make sure you are safe, this includes other police agencies. If a crime has been committed, we will work together and use our specialist skills to identify the person or people responsible and bring them into the criminal justice system. If you're worried about your child being bullied online, or want to discuss a concern right now, you can call the NSPCC helpline for parents and professionals at any time on 0808 800 5000, or visit their website.

For more information relating to keeping your child safe online and supporting them if something has happened to them online, you can visit our Thinkuknow website for parents and carers.

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I am a parent - Should I make a report to CEOP?

CEOP is dedicated to keeping children safe from sexual abuse and grooming online. CEOP are unable to respond to reports about bullying, fake accounts or account hacking.

We are here to help and advise you and to make your child safe. You can report to us if you are concerned that your child is being sexually abused or groomed online. This might be from someone they know or someone they have only ever met online. If you feel your child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999.

For more information relating to keeping your child safe online and supporting them if something has happened to them online, you can visit our CEOP Education website for parents and carers.

What kind of things do parents/carers report to CEOP? Things parents and carers have reported include:

- I am worried my child is being groomed online
- My child has shared a nude picture online and is now being threatened
- Someone is asking my child to communicate with them on a live-streaming platform
- My child is meeting up with someone they met online
- I've noticed changes in my child's behaviour which I think may be due to someone they met online
- My child has learning difficulties and I am worried about the people they are talking to online
- I am a foster carer/adoptive parent, and I am worried that my child's abusive birth father/mother is trying to contact them online
- If you are worried that your child is in immediate danger please call the police on 999 straight away.