



INTERNET CHILD EXPLOITATION (ICE) UNIT

BACKGROUND

The Internet Child Exploitation (ICE) unit investigates the exploitation of children via digital media.

ICE is committed to helping the most vulnerable in our community – children. We do so by:

- Investigating and prosecuting those who possess/access/distribute images and videos of child sexual abuse material
- Identifying and rescuing victims of online child sexual abuse and exploitation
- Working with community members and other partners to improve the safety of children through education and awareness



MANDATE

- Reduce the supply of, and demand for, child pornography.
- Ensure the successful prosecution and sentencing of child pornography offenders.
- Identify otherwise unknown victims.



CHARGES

- Possession of Child Pornography
- Accessing Child Pornography
- Making Child Pornography
- Distribution
- Making Available
- Luring and Making Sexually Explicit Material Available to a Child



ONLINE LURING

Communication with a person who is (or believed to be) under the age of 18, with a computer system, for the purpose of facilitating the following offence(s):

- Indecent Act
- Invitation to Sexual Touching
- Sexual Interference
- Abduction
- Incest
- Child Pornography
- Procuring Prostitution
- Sexual Assault



INVESTIGATIVE PARTNERS



The Ontario Provincial Police manages a 'Provincial Strategy' that assists Ontario law enforcement agencies with coordination and funding



The Royal Canadian Mounted Police manage the National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre (NCECC) which coordinates Canadian law enforcement and maintains the national image database



A private, non-profit corporation whose mission is to help find missing children, reduce child sexual exploitation, and prevent child victimization



Canada's tipline for reporting the online sexual abuse and exploitation of children



STATISTICS

- **59%** increase in reported exploitation cases between 2022 and 2023
- **300%** increase in online enticement between 2021 and 2023
- **1,325%** spike in AI generated child abuse material since 2019
- Rise in violent networks targeting and manipulating children to self harm and create explicit material



TIPS

- Add parental controls to online social media
- Engage in conversations with your child/children about internet safety
- Don't share personal details such as full name, address, phone number, school name, or passwords online
- Do not share pictures online unless you are ok with them being available permanently
- Be careful when talking to strangers online – people are not always who they may say they are



VIDEOS

[Canadian Centre for Child Protection - PSA](#)

[Provincial Internet Child Exploitation Strategy](#)



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