

# How to report online child sexual exploitation

There are a range of organisations that each have a role to play in protecting children from online child sexual exploitation. Each organisation covers a specific area of focus, with the overall aim of protecting people online.

## Investigate and Identify Child Sexual Offenders



The New Zealand Police has a specialist team that protects children from online abuse, identifies, investigates and prosecutes offenders involved in online child exploitation.

You can report incidents of child exploitation to the NZ Police at [105.police.govt.nz](https://www.police.govt.nz), by calling 105, or in an emergency, 111.

## Investigates reports of child sexual abuse material



DIA enforces the Films, Videos, and Publications Classifications Act 1993 by investigating the manufacture, possession and trade of child sexual abuse material online and prosecuting people who collect and distribute it online.

You can report child sexual abuse material on [dia.govt.nz/Censorship-Make-a-Complaint](https://www.dia.govt.nz/Censorship-Make-a-Complaint)

## Investigates cross-border child sexual exploitation



Customs targets the import or export of child sexual abuse material across our physical and cyber borders to identify, investigate and prosecute individuals.

You can report border-related child sexual exploitation on [customs.govt.nz/report](https://www.customs.govt.nz/report) or on 0800 WE PROTECT

## Categorises objectionable material



The Classification Office is responsible for making decisions under the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 and determines whether material should be classified as objectionable (Banned).

For additional information or details on how to refer material for classification please visit [classificationoffice.govt.nz](https://www.classificationoffice.govt.nz)

## Tools and resources on how to stay safe online



Netsafe keeps people safe online by providing free support, advice and education. They offer advice on a range of topics including bullying, grooming, illegal content and scams.

For more information or to anonymously report online harm, visit [netsafe.org.nz](https://www.netsafe.org.nz) or call **0508 638 723**

### Victim Identification:

These agencies work together, as well as with international organisations, to target offenders and identify victims of child sexual exploitation.

### Safe to Talk

If you have been exposed to child abuse material that affects you, or triggers a past trauma from sexual harm, you can contact Safe to Talk. This helpline has trained specialists who provide 24/7 free confidential support:

**Phone: 0800 044 334 • Email: [support@safetotalk.nz](mailto:support@safetotalk.nz) • Text: Send a text on 4334**

If you become aware of child sexual exploitation online report it using the platform's own reporting function as well.