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CENTER FOR



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**MISSING &  
EXPLOITED**

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[www.missingkids.com](http://www.missingkids.com)

# History of CyberTipline

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- CyberTipline
  - Created in 1998 as the “911 of the Internet”
  - Online reporting mechanism for child sexual exploitation incidents (42 U.S.C. § 5771(11) )
- CyberTipline II
  - Online reporting mechanism for Internet Service Providers
  - Protection of Children from Sexual Predators Act (42 U.S.C. § 13032)

# Risks facing children online

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- Sexually abusive images of children
- Online Enticement
- Adult Pornography
- Harassment



# http://www.cybertipline.com

The screenshot shows a Netscape browser window titled "CyberTipline - Netscape". The address bar shows the URL "http://www.cybertipline.com". The browser's menu bar includes "File", "Edit", "View", "Go", "Communicator", and "Help".

The website content is organized into several sections:

- Quick Search:** A sidebar on the left with a search form. It includes a dropdown for "Select a State (USA only)", radio buttons for "Female" and "Male", a "Missing within" field followed by "Year(s)" and a double arrow button, and a link for "More search options".
- Help Now:** A sidebar with links: "Report a Sighting", "CyberTipline", "Get Involved", "AMBER Plan", "Donate Now", and "Stay Informed".
- Resources for:** A sidebar with links: "Parents", "Law Enforcement", and "Attorneys".
- Main Content:**
  - The CyberTipline** handles leads from individuals reporting the sexual exploitation of children.
  - A paragraph: "Please contact us if you have information that will help in our fight against child sexual exploitation. Your information will be forwarded to law enforcement for investigation and review, and, when appropriate, to the ISP. The U.S. Congress has funded these initiatives for reporting child sexual exploitation."
  - The Sound A Child Makes When Sexually Assaulted Is Often Silence** Campaign Against Child Sexual Exploitation. Find out about this new campaign to help fight and prevent child sexual exploitation.
  - A link: "CyberTipline Success Stories".
  - An orange banner: "If you know about a child who is in immediate risk or danger, call your local police. If you have any information on a missing child, call 1-800-THE-LOST."
  - Types of Child Sexual Exploitation**
    - possession, manufacture, and distribution of **child pornography**
    - **online enticement** of children for sexual acts
    - **child prostitution**
    - **child-sex tourism**
    - **child sexual molestation** (not in the family)
    - unsolicited **obscene material** sent to a child
  - A "Report" button.
  - Important Links** with a small graphic.
  - Text: "NCMEC, in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Customs Immigration".

# 42 USC § 13032

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- Electronic Service Providers must report child pornography
- Failure to report (civil liability): \$50,000 per image
- ISP's receive a receipt upon submitting report.
- ISP's upload child pornography images to NCMEC
- Reports provided to local & federal LE agencies

# CyberTipline Activity

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*Since March 1998*

# Type of CyberTipline Reports





Reporting Person (Title)

Approximate Date and Time of Incident - **REQUIRED**

Month:  Day:  Year:  Hour:  Min:  Time Zone:

Type of Incident - **REQUIRED**

Location of Incident (City & State where incident occurred)

First Name  Last Name

Address  City

State \*If USA  Postal Code  Country

E-mail Address

Phone # (xxx-xxx-xxxx)  Additional Phone #  Time Available for Callback

Relationship to Child

[www.cyberline.com](http://www.cyberline.com)



Hotline Operators  
receive online  
reports



NCMEC Analysts  
review reports



Reports are  
Submitted to Law  
Enforcement



**USPIS**



**FBI**



**ICE**



**USSS**



**ICAC**



**LOCAL LE**



# CyberTipline

42 U.S.C. § 5771(11)





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