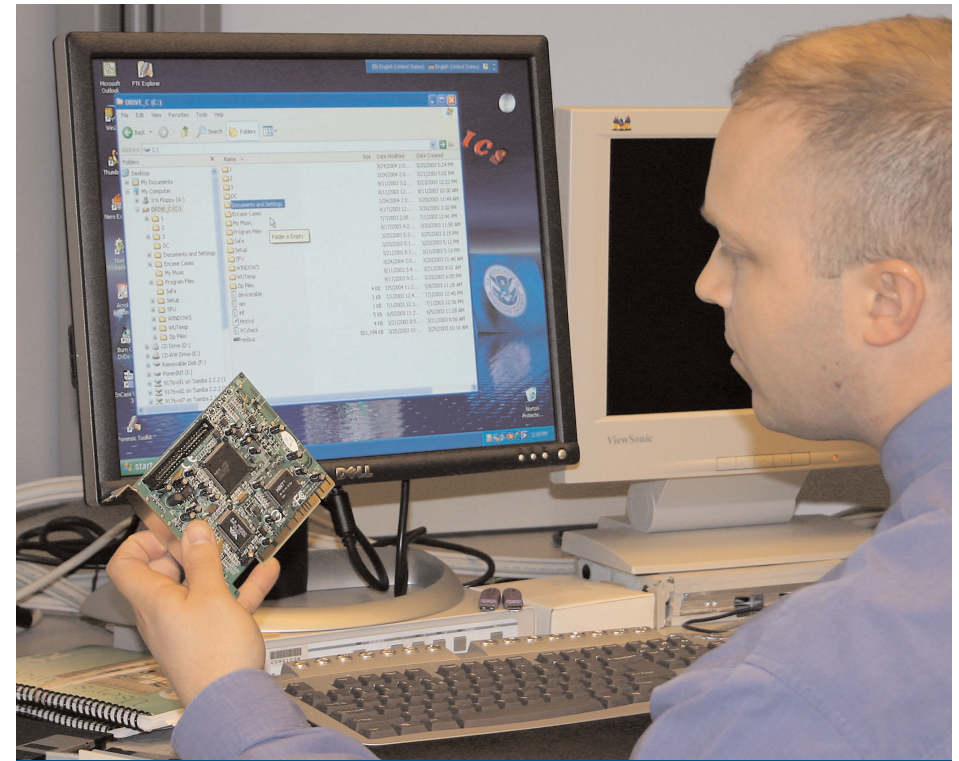


Report suspicious activity to ICE  
**1-866-DHS-2ICE**

[www.ice.gov](http://www.ice.gov)

Report child exploitation to the  
National Center for Missing & Exploited Children  
[www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com) (NCMEC)



# C3

## Cyber Crimes Center



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The mission of the Cyber Crimes Center (C3), a component of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in the Department of Homeland Security, is to investigate domestic and international criminal activities occurring on or facilitated by the Internet.

The C3 brings together into one facility the Child Exploitation Section, the Computer Forensics Section and the Cyber Crimes Section—ICE's key assets for investigating international criminal activity conducted on or facilitated by the Internet.

This state-of-the-art center offers cyber crime training to federal, state, local and international law enforcement agencies. The C3 also includes a fully-equipped Computer Forensic Laboratory, providing specialized digital evidence recovery for ICE investigations and to other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

## Child Exploitation

The C3 combats the exploitation of children, child pornography and child sex tourism by targeting individuals and organizations involved in the exploitation of children via the Internet.

The C3's Child Exploitation Section uses sophisticated investigative techniques to target violators who operate on the Internet, including through Web sites, e-mail, chat rooms and file-sharing applications.

One major initiative is the National Child Victim Identification Program (NCVIP) that was developed to assist law enforcement agencies in identifying victims of child sexual exploitation. The NCVIP is both managed and administered at the C3.

In furtherance of the NCVIP initiative, ICE has joined in partnership with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies (including the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces), foreign law enforcement agencies and non-governmental organizations such as the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. These partnerships have enabled the C3 to successfully investigate leads and assist in identifying violators with a connection to the United States.

## Computer Forensics

The widespread use of personal computers, personal digital assistants and other digital devices has greatly increased the volume of data that ICE agents must examine during the course of an investigation. ICE agents now face a form of evidence that is highly volatile, mobile and capable of being encrypted by any user.



Computer Forensic Agents (CFA) are ICE Special Agents trained to perform forensic examinations of seized digital storage devices, such as computer hard drives, digital video devices, floppy disks, back-up tapes and other external storage media.

CFAs use all available digital evidence recovery techniques to preserve the item's authenticity and integrity while maintaining a strict chain of custody.

CFAs are located in ICE field offices throughout the United States to provide expertise on investigative strategies and to assist case agents in preparing search warrants targeting digital evidence. CFAs are also called upon for expert computer forensic testimony and to provide support to state and local law enforcement.

## Cyber Crimes

The C3 Special Agents conduct investigations into how the Internet is used to further criminal activities in the following areas:

- Intellectual Property Crimes
- Identity Document Fraud
- Money Laundering
- Stolen Cultural Property
- Narcotics Trafficking
- Illegal Exports
- Human Trafficking and Smuggling
- General Smuggling

Special agents assigned to domestic and foreign ICE offices investigate leads developed by the C3 pertaining to violations of customs and immigration laws, as well as other federal laws enforced by ICE.