

# Terminology and definitions of online child sexual exploitation

## Online child sexual exploitation

The use of technology or the internet to facilitate the sexual exploitation of a child, including the production and sharing of child sexual abuse material online. The most common forms of online child sexual exploitation includes grooming, live streaming, consuming child sexual abuse material, and coercing and blackmailing children for sexual purposes.

## Child sexual abuse material

Material that depicts or describes:

- a person who is, appears to be or is implied to be, a child as a victim of sexual abuse, or
- a person who is, appears to be or is implied to be, a child engaged in or apparently engaged in a sexual pose or sexual activity (whether or not in the presence of other persons), or
- a person who is, appears to be or is implied to be, a child in the presence of another person who is engaged or apparently engaged in a sexual pose or sexual activity, or
- the private parts of a person who is, appears to be or is implied to be, a child.

In contemporary Australian legislation, the term 'child pornography' has been replaced with the term 'child abuse material'. This is to avoid any suggestion of compliance on the part of the victim, or legality on the part of the sex offender. It also tends to imply images of children posing in 'provocative' positions, rather than children suffering horrific abuse. The term 'child pornography' does not accurately reflect the serious nature of this material.

## Online Grooming

When an adult makes online contact with someone under the age of 16 with the intention of developing a relationship to enable their sexual abuse.

## Image based abuse

When intimate, nude, or sexual images/videos are shared without consent.

## Self-generated child sexual exploitation material

Content created knowingly by someone under the age of 16 that is nude, semi-nude, or sexual in nature.

## Live online child sexual abuse

The use of the internet by a person to view, pay to view, or to provide instructions and view in real time, online child sexual exploitation material.

## Sexual Extortion (aka Sextortion)

A form of online blackmail where an offender threatens to reveal a person's personal sexual images, unless they give into their demands.

## Online child sex offender

Someone who commits sexual offences against someone under the age of 18.