

# Online Sexual Exploitation

Online sexual exploitation is becoming more and more common.

Due to the increased anonymity, high-levels of access, and fast-changing nature of online spaces, online exploitation has flourished domestically, and internationally.

**Youth are particularly vulnerable to online sexual exploitation.**

**Social media platforms** such as Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, and Snapchat create easy access to vulnerable youth and help facilitate the exchange of child sexual exploitation material.

Additionally, online spaces can facilitate self-exploitation, peer-to-peer exploitation, and revenge porn.

**Self-exploitation** is when a youth send intimate images/videos to someone else (including another youth), purposefully.

**Peer-to-peer exploitation** is if the youth receiving the intimate images/videos shares those materials with other youth without the consent of the image/video creator.

**Revenge porn/revenge exploitation** is when the youth receiving the intimate images/videos shares the materials without consent from the creator with the purpose of inflicting hurt or harm to the youth creator.

Online luring/grooming is the process by which an offender gains the trust of a youth online with the purpose of manipulating the youth into sharing child sexual exploitation materials or to gain in-person access to the child for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

**To report online sexual exploitation or child sexual exploitation materials go to [cybertip.ca](https://www.cybertip.ca), Canada's tip line.**

Need support? Want to learn more? Call or text the CASEY Coordinator at (709) 771-1706. The phone is checked 9-4 Monday-Friday.

