

COMBATING CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION MATERIAL

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CSEM

In order to combat the exponentially-growing issue of **child sexual exploitation material (CSEM)** on the internet, it's important to be educated on its prevalence and be aware of the conditions that may fuel it—including the culture children are growing up in.

MANY TEENS AGREE THAT SENDING NUDES IS NORMAL

**Approximately 1 in 5 girls and
1 in 10 boys aged 13-17 report
sharing their own nudes,
according to a 2020 report.**

**But 1 in 3 underage teens also
report having seen nonconsensually
shared nudes of other minors—in
other words, child sexual
exploitation material.**

Many minors don't realize that **sharing nudes of themselves or other minors is illegal** and that their images can end up in the hands of people they never intended.

In fact, over 90% of police officers report that self-generated images are common in their investigations of CSEM.

Considering porn's ability to normalize toxic sexual narratives, it's concerning to note that **one of the most consistently popular porn themes is “teen.”**

Research indicates that teen-themed porn often refers to the portrayal of underage individuals and that this theme is becoming increasingly popular.

“Mainstream pornography sites are changing the thresholds of what is normal and I think it’s dangerous. Of course, most people can watch extreme porn and walk away, but I don’t see those people. What we are seeing on a daily basis is the conflation of easy access to hardcore and [extreme] pornography and an interest in child molestation. The link is unambiguous.”

MICHAEL SHEATH

Child Abuse Expert

Because any commercial sex act with a minor is legally defined as sex trafficking, **the production and distribution of CSEM often qualify as a form of trafficking.**

Of the domestic minor trafficking victims who had been forced into porn, the average age they began being filmed was 12.8 years old.

67% of CSEM survivors said the distribution of their images affects them differently than the childhood sexual abuse itself because the circulation of their images never ends.

Porn can be so effective at normalizing toxic sexual scripts and sexual violence that many sexual **predators use porn to groom their victims** and desensitize them to sexual advances.

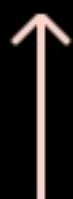
Canadian Centre for Child Protection, 2017

International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children, 2017

Lanning, 2010

It's time to stop consuming content that glorifies or normalizes abuse.

To report CSEM, get help, or to learn more about combating child sexual exploitation, visit the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at **[MissingKids.org](https://www.missingkids.org)**.



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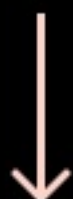
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