



Did you know?



Generative Artificial Intelligence (GAI) technology allows a user to create new images, videos, audio and text based on user requests or prompts. This technology has many benefits, but at the same time, NCMEC is deeply concerned about the numerous ways it is being used to sexually exploit children. Over the past two years, NCMEC's CyberTipline has received more than 70,000 child sexual exploitation reports involving GAI, and the numbers are expected to grow as we continue to track these trends.



Cyberbullying, among students ages 12-18 who reported being bullied during the school year, 21.6% were bullied online or by text. Nationwide, 19% of students in grades 9-12 report being bullied on school property.



Most social media sites and apps (including Facebook, SnapChat, Twitter, Instagram, and Musical.ly) require users to be at least 13 years old, though it is not uncommon for youths to be untruthful about their date of birth in order to gain access to the site or app. By accessing these platforms before age 13, young children are at an increased risk of encountering inappropriate content and/or contact from older users.



Stranger Danger. Children are most often abuse by parents or a close family member (76% in 2022), with the most common form of abuse being neglect. Approximately 90% to 93% of child sexual abuse victims know their perpetrator. Contrary to the common myth of "stranger danger," the vast majority of perpetrators are people known to the child, including family members, friends, or acquaintances.