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Online Sexual Abuse - A Guide for Parents

Did you know that 1 in 4 teenagers receive unwanted sexual messages online? Increasingly our young people are being contacted through online platforms and apps.

There is a significant rise in children being groomed and coerced online by abusers into sexual activities often in their own bedrooms and bathrooms. Those abusers record this content via webcams for live streaming services and share it across their networks online. This type of child sexual abuse is now the predominant type of sexual abuse imagery found on the internet.

The TALK website and checklist for parents is a valuable resource that aims to educate and empower parents and carers to protect children from sexual abuse.

Parents and carers can find more information by clicking on the links below:

- [IWF TALK Checklist](#)
- [Making sure your home doesn't have an open door to child sexual abusers](#)



Talk to your child about online sexual abuse. Start the conversation – and listen to their concerns.

Agree ground rules about the way you use technology as a family.

Learn about the platforms and apps your child loves. Take an interest in their online life.

Know how to use tools, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.