

E-safety Update

What is harmful content?

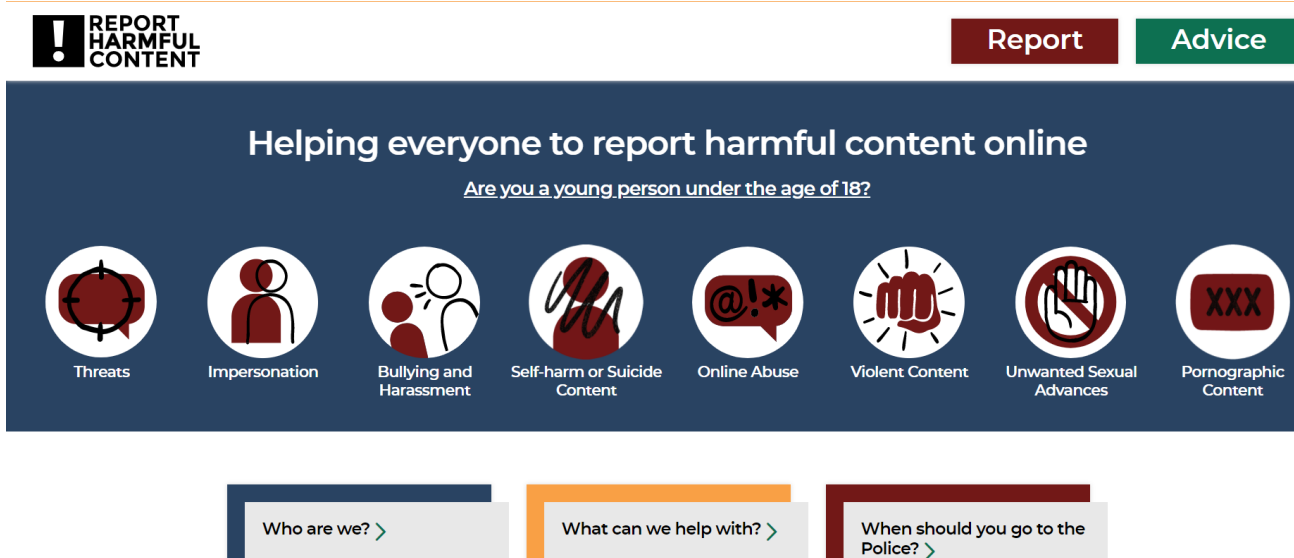
Harmful content is anything online which causes a person distress or harm. In simple terms, harmful content is anything online which causes a person distress or harm. This encompasses a huge amount of content and can be very subjective depending on who is doing the viewing; what may be harmful to one person might not be considered an issue by someone else.

The following areas of content are likely to violate the terms of the community guidelines of several different platforms:

- Online Abuse
- Bullying or Harassment
- Threats
- Impersonation
- Unwanted Sexual Advances (Not Image Based)
- Violent Content
- Self-Harm or Suicide Content
- Pornographic Content

Harmful content online can be part of a bigger problem, and as such the following website can signpost you to other services that can help.

<https://reportharmfulcontent.com/>



The screenshot shows the top of the 'Report Harmful Content' website. At the top left is the logo with an exclamation mark and the text 'REPORT HARMFUL CONTENT'. To the right are two buttons: 'Report' (dark red) and 'Advice' (green). Below this is a dark blue banner with the text 'Helping everyone to report harmful content online' and a link 'Are you a young person under the age of 18?'. A row of eight circular icons represents different types of harmful content: Threats (crosshair), Impersonation (person), Bullying and Harassment (two people), Self-harm or Suicide Content (hand with knife), Online Abuse (@!*), Violent Content (fist), Unwanted Sexual Advances (hand with slash), and Pornographic Content (XXX). At the bottom, there are three navigation buttons: 'Who are we? >', 'What can we help with? >', and 'When should you go to the Police? >'.