



# Operation TOPAZ

## Child Exploitation Team

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In the fight against child abuse  
we all have a role to play.  
Any act, big or small can make a real  
difference to a child and create a safer  
society for all children



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You don't have to be an expert in child sexual abuse to help a child if you think they are at risk, or to act when you have concerns. Safeguarding children must be everyone's responsibility



**It is not a child's responsibility to prevent abuse, protect themselves or make the abuse stop.**

# Tackling Child Sexual Abuse – April 2025

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- **500,000 children** estimated to be sexually abused each year in the UK
- **840,000** individuals pose some level of sexual risk to children
- **40%** of all sexual offences involve children
- **400,000 online searches** each month for child sexual abuse material



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# Communicating with children guide

## Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse



Research and practice show that it can take years for a child to feel able to tell someone about sexual abuse



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All children can communicate, and it is vital that the adults around them learn how to listen, understand and support them when they are concerned about sexual abuse.

<https://www.csacentre.org.uk/research-resources/practice-resources/communicating-with-children/>

# Understanding How Children Are Exploited

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**Child Exploitation normally follows three stages.**

- **Recruitment.** This can take various forms but can be described as a grooming process. ...
- **Control.** This is an essential element in the process as it establishes the dominance of the perpetrator over the victim. ...
- **Exploitation.**



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## Forms of child exploitation includes:

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- Debt bondage, where children are forced to work to pay off loans that they cannot repay with money or goods.
- Sexual exploitation.
- Criminal exploitation, where children are coerced or manipulated into committing crimes, such as drug trafficking, theft, or violence.
- Modern slavery, where children are deprived of their freedom and forced to work or provide services for others.
- Early or forced marriage, where children are married off without their consent or against their will.



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# What is Sexual exploitation:

Anybody can be a perpetrator of CSE, no matter their age, gender or race. The relationship could be framed as friendship, someone to look up to or romantic. Children and young people who are exploited may also be used to 'find' or coerce others to join groups.

**Child sexual exploitation (CSE) is Sexual Abuse.**



Children and young people are often tricked into believing they're in a loving and consensual relationship. This is called grooming.

When a child or young person is exploited, they're given things, like gifts, drugs, money, status and affection, in exchange for performing sexual activities.

They may trust their abuser and not understand that they're being abused.



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# Some of the most common signs of CSE include:



- skipping school or getting in trouble in class
- going missing for periods of time or coming back from things late regularly
- mood swings that seem out of the ordinary
- having gifts that can't be accounted for
- over sexualised behaviour, or sending inappropriate images from their mobile phone
- using drugs and/or alcohol
- unexplained bruising or other signs of physical harm.
- Change in appearance. STI's or pregnancy



**SAY SOMETHING, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS.**

**CONTACT:**

Crimestoppers **OR** Police **OR**  
0800 555 111 101

**WWW.STOP-CSE.ORG**

Contact:



**STOPCSE**

# What is Criminal exploitation:



Criminal exploitation is child abuse where children and young people are manipulated and coerced into committing crimes.



## What is County Lines?

County Lines is the police term for urban gangs exploiting young people into moving drugs from a hub, normally a large city, into other markets - suburban areas and market and coastal towns - using dedicated mobile phone lines or “deal lines”.

Children as young as 12 years old have been exploited into carrying drugs for gangs. This can involve children being trafficked away from their home area, staying in accommodation and selling and manufacturing drugs



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# Phrases that young people may use to refer to county lines include:

**"Cunch"** is slang for **"country"** (as in **"countryside"**) but can refer to any distant – **often rural** – area where **dealers dispatch** their teenage subordinates to peddle drugs, **out of sight of the city police** and the general public.

'running a line',  
'going OT/out there'  
'going country'  
'going cunch'.  
Trapping



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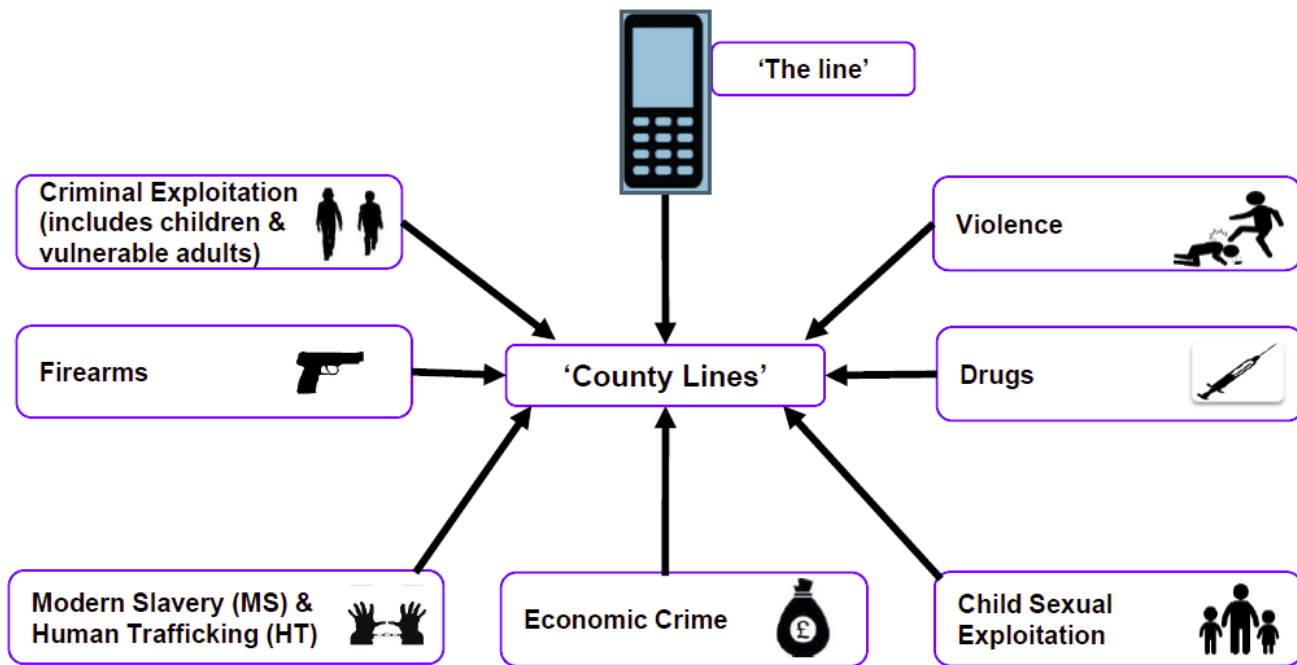
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# Features of 'County Lines'

'County Lines' is not solely a drugs issue as it cross cuts a number of other thematic areas and crime types, including:



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**Grooming ways!!**



# Girls and Gangs

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A common misconception is that girls and women are less likely to be criminally exploited than their male counterparts or are less likely to be gang involved or affiliated.

Girls can and do play a number of roles in gangs.

- "Wifey's" - Girlfriends of gang members
- "Baby Mothers" - Girls and women who have children with gang members
- "Links" - Girls who are expected to have sex or group sex with gang members at anytime.
- "Gift Girls" - Girls who are "given" to a new member of a gang or criminal network as a reward for proving themselves as trustworthy and reliable.



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# What is Online Exploitation and Grooming?



**Online Grooming** – The act of developing a relationship with a child to enable their abuse and exploitation both online and offline. Online platforms, such as online gaming, social media, messaging and live streaming, can be used to do this



**Online Exploitation** – an individual or group using online platforms to take advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into sexual and/or criminal activity that can occur both online and offline.



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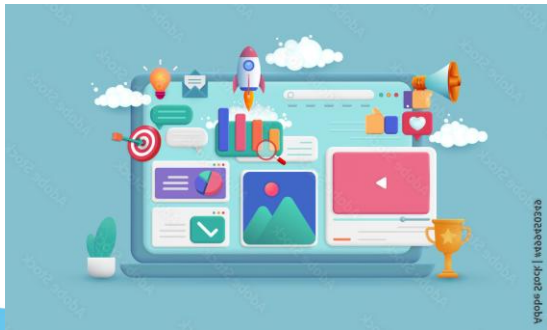


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**Criminal exploitation online** - Perpetrators can use online platforms as a way to criminally exploit young people by coercing them into criminal activity and then monitoring and controlling their movements

# Internet Watch Foundation

The IWF has found there is now more child sexual abuse imagery being discovered on the open internet than ever before – with almost every webpage (92%) it worked to remove in 2023 including “self-generated” material extorted from children who have been groomed or coerced by predators using webcams.



A “shocking” number of under 10s are being manipulated into performing sexual acts online, as experts discover more child sexual abuse imagery online than ever before.



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# Report: IWF research into how artificial intelligence (AI) is increasingly being used to create child sexual abuse imagery online.



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In 2023, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) investigated its first reports of child sexual abuse material (CSAM) generated by artificial intelligence (AI).



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Initial investigations uncovered a world of text-to-image technology. In short, you type in what you want to see in online generators and the software generates the image.



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The technology is fast and accurate – images usually fit the text description very well. Many images can be generated at once – you are only really limited by the speed of your computer. You can then pick out your favourites; edit them; direct the technology to output exactly what you want.



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***These AI images can be so convincing that they are indistinguishable from real images.***

# VR Headsets



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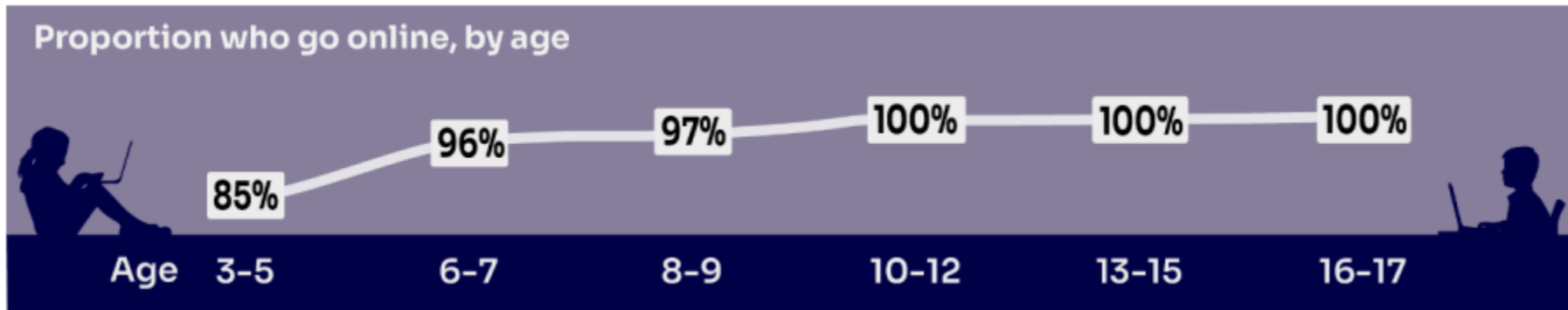


Virtual reality rape (assessed by a phycologist) and had the same symptoms as someone of a physical rape

# OFCOM's Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes Report 2025 (for 2024)



Almost all children age 3-17 (96%) went online in 2024, highlighting the centrality of the internet in children's lives.



Over half of young children (3-7s) use sites/apps to communicate with others

## 3 to 5 Years old

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**19%** Have their own mobile phone

**85%** Use any device to go online

**69%** use a tablet, **34%** use a mobile phone and **12%** use a laptop

**56%** Use a messaging site / apps

**91%** Use video sharing platforms

**49%** Use live streaming site / apps

**37%** Use social media and **60% have their own social media profile**

YouTube **85%**, WhatsApp **31%** Snapchat **23%**

**31%** Play online games

**76%** Watch TV or films on any type of device other than a TV Set

**32%** Watch live TV – **77%** watch (Netflix, Amazon Prime or Disney+)



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## 6 to 7 Years old

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**30%** Have their own mobile phone

**96%** Use any device to go online

**80%** use a tablet, **48%** use a mobile phone and **26%** use a laptop

**57%** Use a messaging site / apps

**94%** Use video sharing platforms

**48%** Use live streaming site / apps

**36%** Use social media and **63% have their own social media profile**

YouTube **91%**, WhatsApp **33%** Snapchat **30%**

**43%** Play online games

**78%** Watch TV or films on any type of device other than a TV Set

**38%** Watch live TV – **76%** watch (Netflix, Amazon Prime or Disney+)



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## 8 to 9 Years old

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**42%** Have their own mobile phone

**97%** Use any device to go online

**73%** use a tablet, **51%** use a mobile phone and **37%** use a laptop

**74%** Use a messaging site / apps

**96%** Use video sharing platforms

**61%** Use live streaming site / apps

**57%** Use social media and **69% have their own social media profile**

YouTube **93%**, WhatsApp **46%** Snapchat **42%**

**65%** Play online games

**80%** Watch TV or films on any type of device other than a TV Set

**41%** Watch live TV – **74%** watch (Netflix, Amazon Prime or Disney+)



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# 10 to 12 Years old

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**82%** Have their own mobile phone

**100%** Use any device to go online

**68%** use a tablet, **81%** use a mobile phone and **48%** use a laptop

**94%** Use a messaging site / apps

**99%** Use video sharing platforms

**73%** Use live streaming site / apps

**81%** Use social media and **86% have their own social media profile**

YouTube **90%**, WhatsApp **71%** Snapchat **63%**

**77%** Play online games

**79%** Watch TV or films on any type of device other than a TV Set

**41%** Watch live TV – **77%** watch (Netflix, Amazon Prime or Disney+)



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# 13 to 15 Years old

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**97%** Have their own mobile phone

**100%** Use any device to go online

**47%** use a tablet, **96%** use a mobile phone and **56%** use a laptop

**99%** Use a messaging site / apps

**98%** Use video sharing platforms

**82%** Use live streaming site / apps

**95%** Use social media and **96% have their own social media profile**

YouTube **87%**, WhatsApp **82%** Snapchat **80%**

**84%** Play online games

**79%** Watch TV or films on any type of device other than a TV Set

**39%** Watch live TV – **75%** watch (Netflix, Amazon Prime or Disney+)



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# 16 to 17 Years old

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**99%** Have their own mobile phone

**100%** Use any device to go online

**44%** use a tablet, **98%** use a mobile phone and **59%** use a laptop

**99%** Use a messaging site / apps

**99%** Use video sharing platforms

**82%** Use live streaming site / apps

**98%** Use social media and **98% have their own social media profile**

YouTube **86%**, WhatsApp **84%** Snapchat **83%**

**83%** Play online games

**86%** Watch TV or films on any type of device other than a TV Set

**33%** Watch live TV – **81%** watch (Netflix, Amazon Prime or Disney+)



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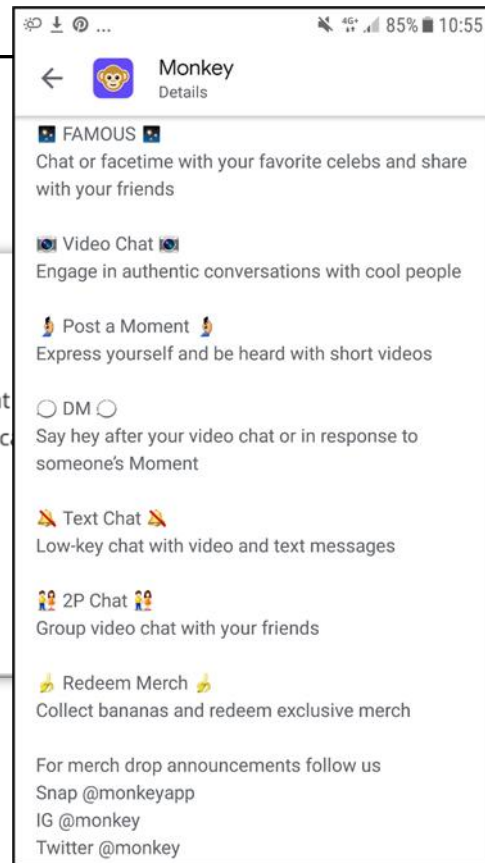
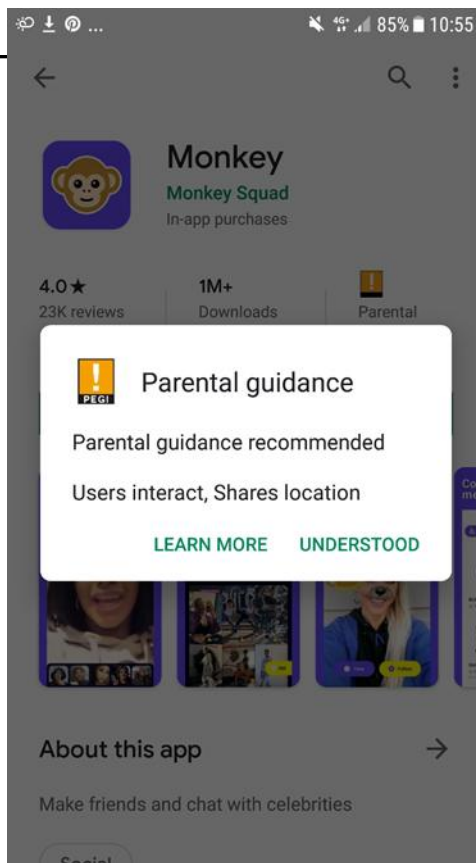
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# Decoy / Digital Vaults Apps



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## iPhone Decoy Apps



Lock Photo+Video Safe App



Hide Photo+Video Safe



Private Albums



Photo Safe Pro HD



Private Photos



Secret Calculator



Private Photo/Calculator



Private Photo

## Android Decoy Apps



Smart Hide Calculator



Vault-Hide SMS, Pics & Vide



PhotoVault - Hide Pictures



Hide Pictures - Hide It Pro

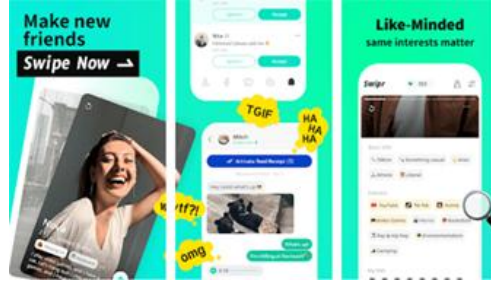
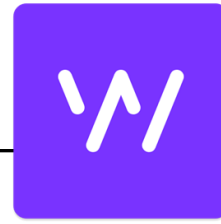


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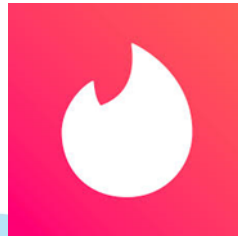
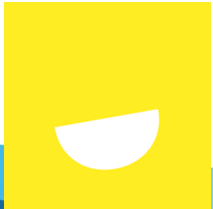


Magic Box

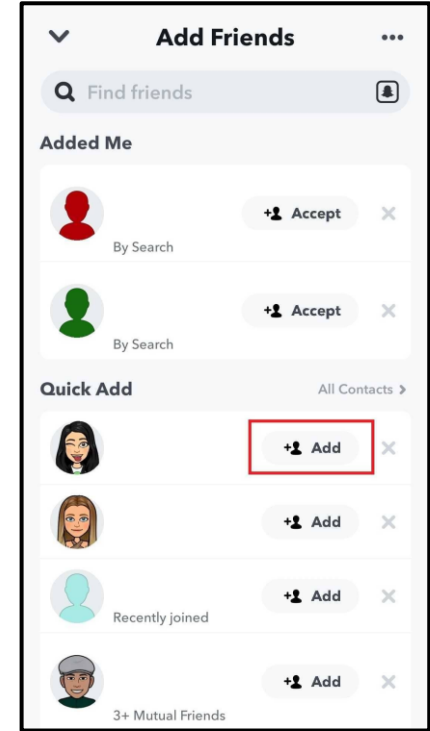
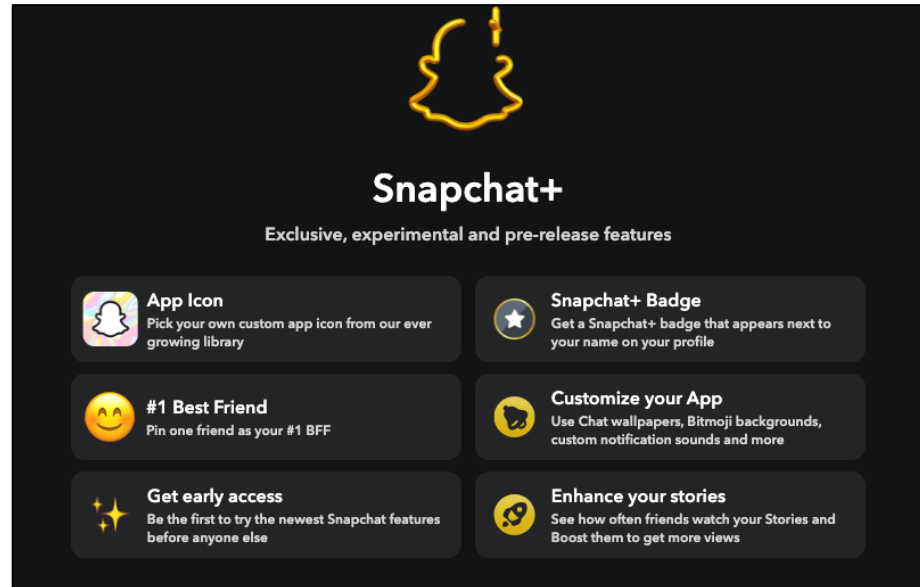
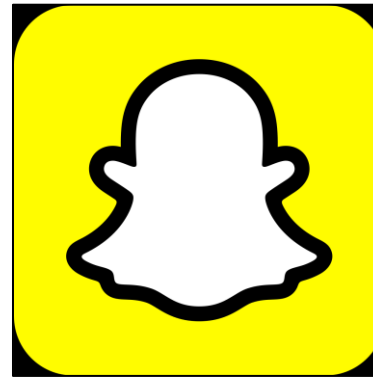
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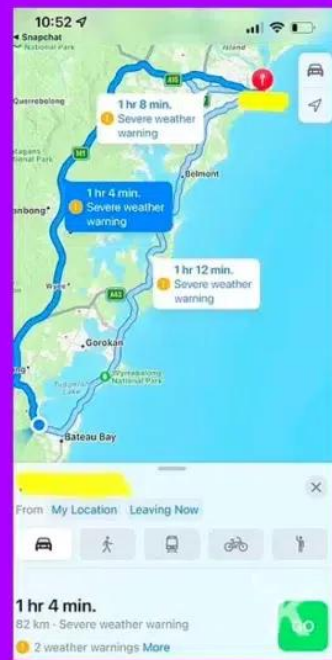
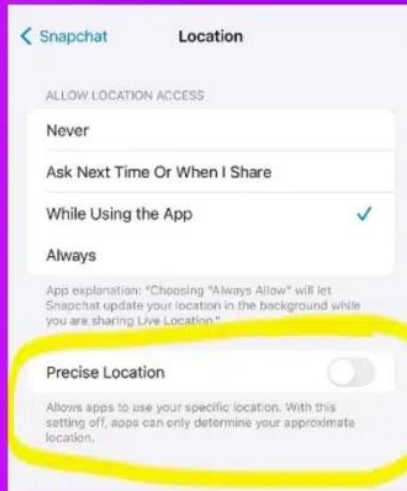
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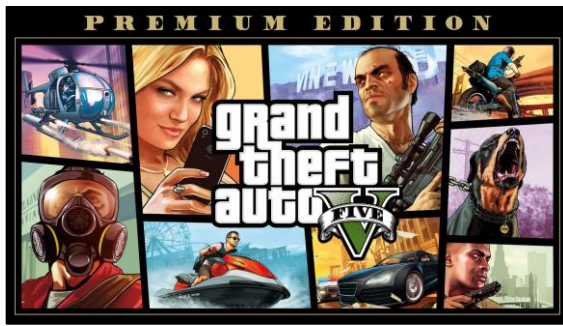


- 'Snap Map' feature allows others to view your exact location.
- Recent update calculates how long it will take to drive to that destination.
- Can be disabled by using 'Ghost Mode' or turning off the location sharing in the phone settings.



# Snap Maps





“In this open-world action game, players assume the role of three criminals whose storylines intersect within the fictional city of Los Santos. Players can switch between each character to follow his storyline, completing missions that often include criminal activities (e.g., stealing cars, executing heists, assassinating targets).

The game includes depictions of sexual material/activity: implied fellatio and masturbation; various sex acts that the player’s character procures from a prostitute—while no nudity is depicted in these sequences, different sexual moaning sounds can be heard.”



Grand Theft Auto VI.  
Coming May 26 2026.

## Videos of Roblox 18 Plus Game

[bing.com/videos](https://bing.com/videos)



I tried Roblox 17+ games.....

**2.3M views** · 5 months ago

YouTube › Flamingo



ROBLOX 17+ GAMES

162.1K views · 4 months ago

YouTube › sebee



ROBLOX JUST REI  
GAMES...

555.8K views · 4 m

YouTube › KreekCr

Restricted. May contain strong violence, heavy realistic blood, moderate crude humor, romantic themes, unplayable gambling content, the presence of alcohol, strong language, and/or moderate fear. These experiences are only available to 17+ users who verified their ages by completing ID verification.



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**Loot boxes** are also a popular feature of many games.  
A loot box is “an in-game reward system that can be purchased repeatedly with real money to obtain a random selection of virtual items

The often-anonymous nature of these transactions raises concerns around potential risks for children, such as exposure to fraud and scams.



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# PERIODIC TABLE OF SINISTER EMOJIS BY AMIT KALLEY



Cocaine

## DRUGS



Cocaine



Cocaine



Marijuana



Marijuana



Weapon



Weapon



Marijuana



MDMA



Crime



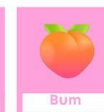
Crime



Penis



Penis



Bum



Swinging



Nudes



Cutting



Neo-Nazi



Incel

## INCEL



Incel



Far Right



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## EXTREMISM

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Working Parents

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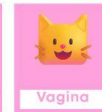
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Murder



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Vagina



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Oral Sex



Porn



Burning



Neo-Nazi



Anti-Woman



Mushrooms



Heroin



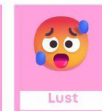
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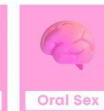
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Lust



Lust



Oral Sex



Orgasm



Feeling Low



IS Extremism



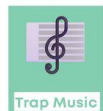
Anti-Woman



NO2



Dealer



Trap Music



Snitch



Intercourse



Intercourse



Fingering



Anal Sex



Orgasm



Not Eating



IS Extremism



Anti-Woman

# Internet Matters



Digital resilience toolkit 6 – 10 year olds



Digital resilience toolkit 11 – 13 year olds



Digital resilience toolkit 14+ year olds



Online grooming Guide



Online grooming guide



Online safety guide 0-5 year olds



Online safety guide 6-10 year olds



Online safety guide 11-13 year olds



Online safety guide 14+ year olds



Screen time 5-7 years old



Screen time 7-11 years old



Screen time 11-14 years old



Screen time 14+ years old



Conversation starter tips

[www.internetmatters.org/resources/esafety-leaflets-resources/](http://www.internetmatters.org/resources/esafety-leaflets-resources/)



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## Roblox

Website review by Erin Brereton, Common Sense Media



Common Sense says

age 13+

Chance to design games, but also potential for iffy content.

<http://www.roblox.com>

Save

Rate website

Parents say  
age 10+



Based on 1933  
reviews

Kids say  
age 9+



Based on 4646  
reviews



## Are you worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online?

Make a report to one of CEOP's Child Protection Advisors

### Should I make a report to CEOP? →

If you're worried about online abuse or the way someone has been communicating online, let CEOP know.



### What happens when I make a report? →

One of our experienced Child Protection Advisors will be there to make sure you get the help that you need.



### How can CEOP help me? →

Online abuse affects many children and young people every day, CEOP has helped thousands of people in need of support.



**Make a report** 

If you have experienced online sexual abuse or you're worried this is happening to someone you know, let us know safely and securely





Education from  
the National  
Crime Agency

# Welcome to CEOP Education

The National Crime Agency's CEOP Education team aim to help protect children and young people from online child sexual abuse.

We do this through our education programme, providing training, resources and information to professionals working with children, young people and their families.



I am:

**A professional working with  
children and young people**

**A parent  
or carer**

**4-7  
years old**

**8-10  
years old**

**11-18  
years old**

**REPORT  
REMOVE**

Nude image of you online?  
We can help take it down.

## MAKE YOUR REPORT

To help you get your image removed we need to know how old you are.  
Please select your current age using one of the buttons below.

Under 13 years old

13-15 years old

16-17 years old

18 and over



## HELP WITH YOUR REPORT

### BEFORE YOUR REPORT

What counts as a nude image?

Where can my image be removed from?

Can I report AI generated images?

Do I need ID?

Will anyone find out I've reported an image?

What happens to any information I give you?



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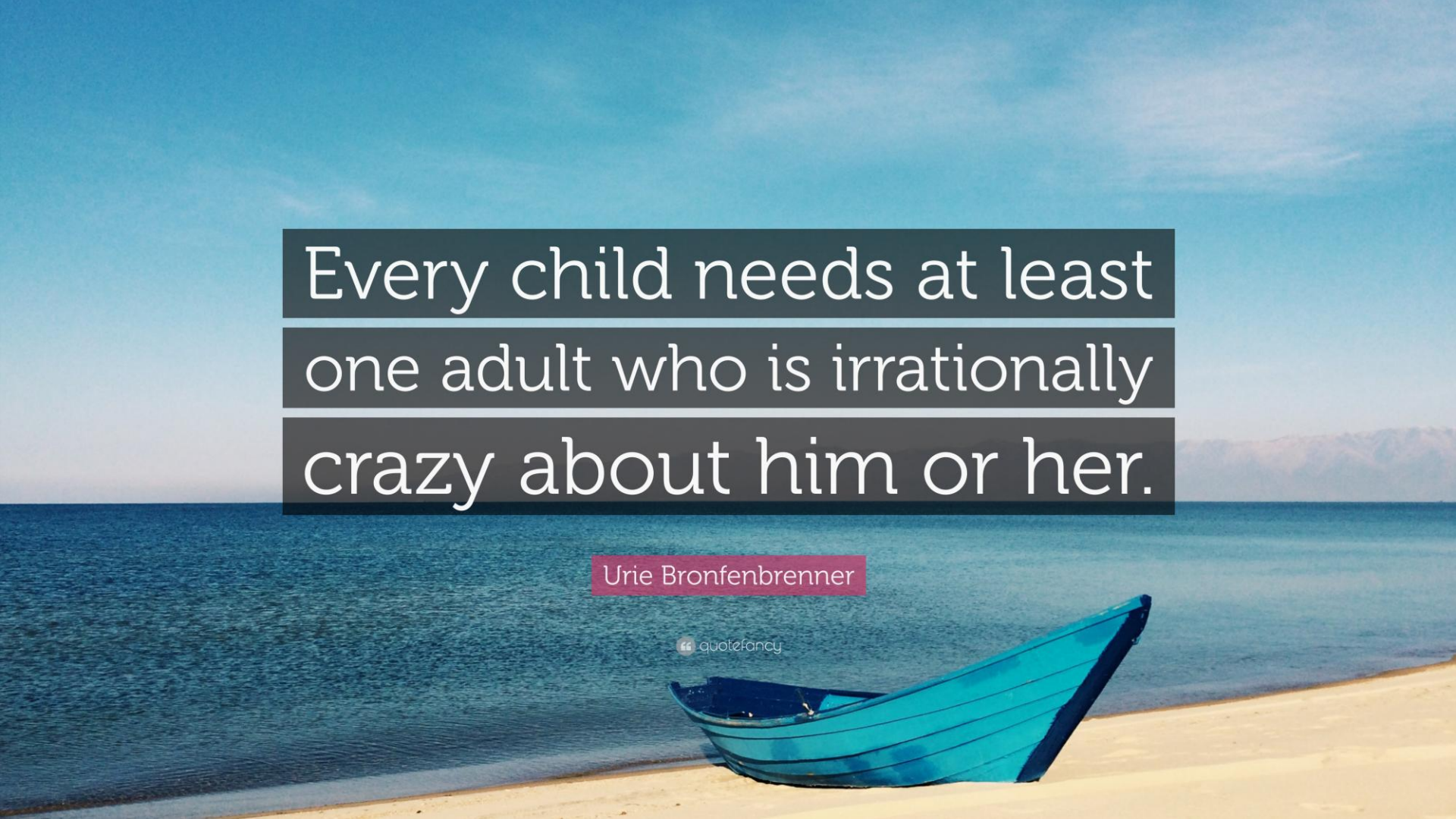
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# Street Crime



 **Be Fearless**  **Drugs & Alcohol**  **Abuse**  **Weapons**  **Cyber Crime**  **Violence**  **Theft**  **Street Crime**

A small blue wooden boat is beached on a sandy shore. The ocean is a deep blue, and the sky is a lighter blue with some wispy clouds. The boat is positioned in the lower right foreground, angled towards the left. The background shows the horizon line where the sea meets the sky.

Every child needs at least  
one adult who is irrationally  
crazy about him or her.

Urie Bronfenbrenner

quote fancy