Child Exploitation Online Protection Centre (CEOP)

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What do we do?

- We work in partnership to protect children and young people from sexual abuse and exploitation – both on and offline

Aims and Objectives

•To identify, locate and protect children and young people from sexual exploitation and online abuse – both in the UK and globally

•To engage and empower children, young people, parents and the community through information and education

•To protect children and young people through the provision of specialist information and support to professionals families and industry and community

•To enforce the law by bringing offenders to justice and acting to disrupt and deter future offending

•To enhance existing responses to the sexual exploitation and online abuse of children and young people by developing a safe by design online environment and refining the management of offenders

Achievements

- 346 children rescued from abuse
- 714 offenders arrested
- 166 high risk sex offenders disrupted or dismantled
- 79 “most wanted” located
- 5686 referrals (2008/09)
- 4m children/young people trained - UK (5 -16)
- 25,000 teachers and trainers delivering TUK

What is child sexual and abuse and exploitation – misuse of technology

- The production, distribution, downloading and viewing of child abuse material (both still and video images), also known as child pornography.
- The online solicitation of children and young people to produce self-generated child abuse material, to engage them in sexual chat or other online sexual activity, or to arrange an offline meeting for the purposes of sexual activity, also known as grooming or luring.
- The facilitation of any of the above.

What is the nature of the problem?

- Old problem – new environment
- Intra- familial abuse
- Targeting the online world
- Real life victims – real life offenders
- Behaviours not technology
- Not a digital divide but a generational one
- Not e-crime but child abuse

What is the scale of the problem?

- No comprehensive reliable data – only know what is reported to us
- 400+ reports a month – over 100 of those from people under 18
- 2007 – 3000 websites reported to IWF
- In 1995 estimated 7,000 hard copy CAI in circulation – CEOP now has over 1m unique CAI on its database alone
- Prosecutions for possesion of CAI increased from 738 to 1790 in 2003 (Ore)
- 40% CEOP investigation concern grooming
- 15% of 10-15 year olds (US) report online sexual solicitation

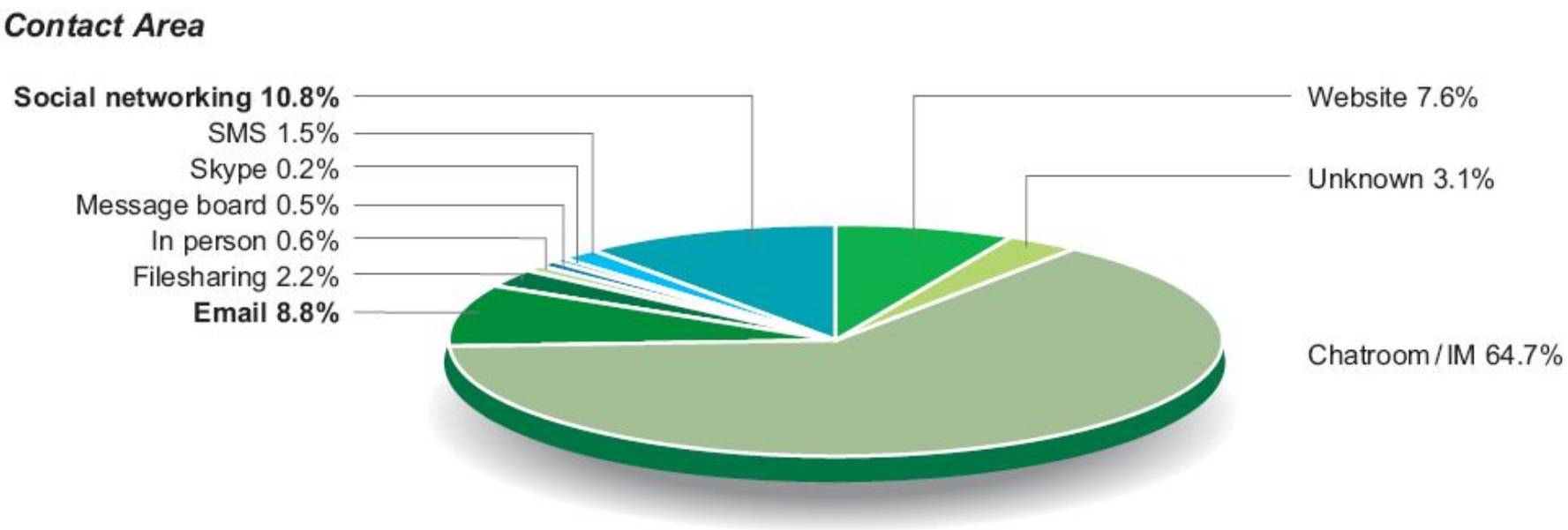
Online World – Children and Young People

- Chat rooms
- Instant Messaging
- Social networking
- Blogs
- Mobile technology
- Gaming sites
- Convergence – all in one place

TUK - Statistics

- 55% access the internet everyday
- 47% for an hour or more
- 21% liked IM/Chat the most
- 15% used gaming sites
- 11% used Social Networking sites
- 33% had access in their bedrooms
- **25% have met someone offline**
- **83% have taken another child**

Contact Areas



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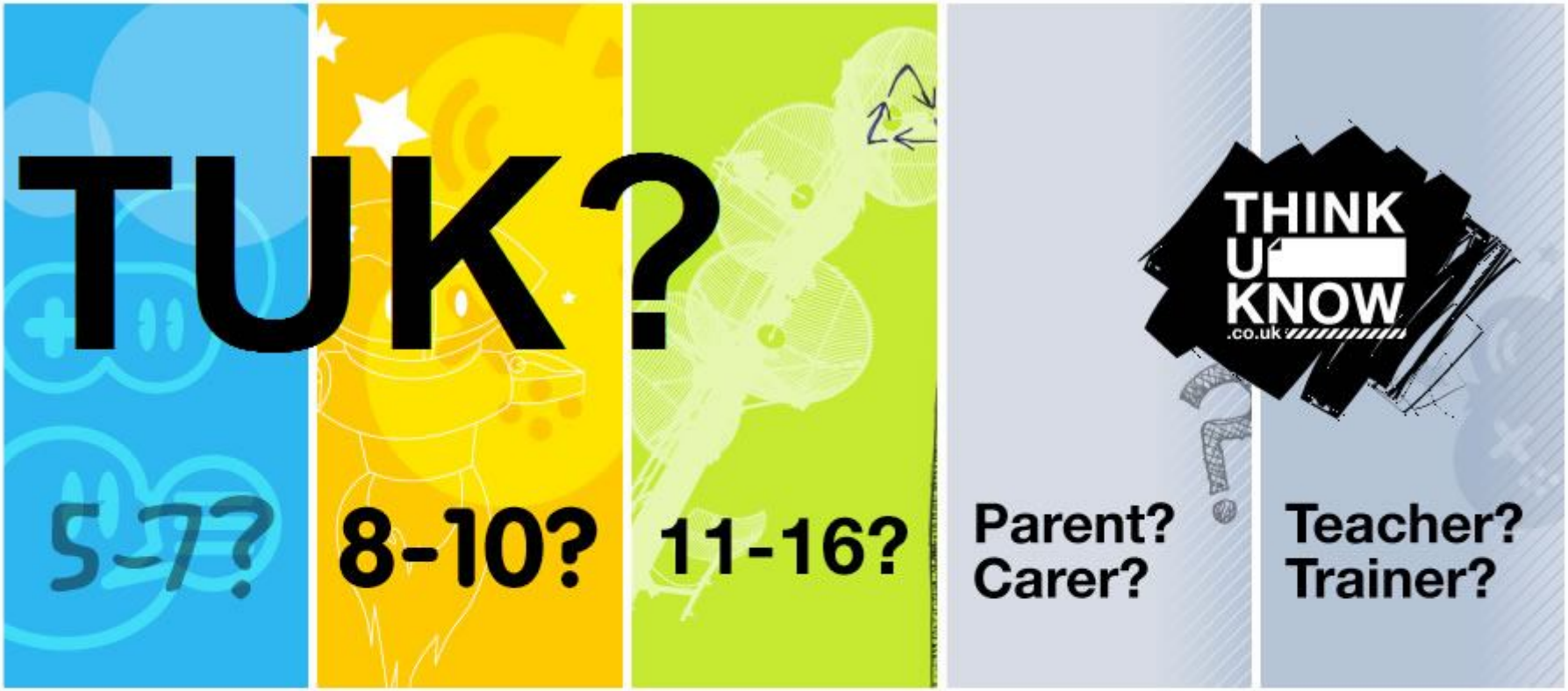


Welcome to the thinkuknow website

REPORT ABUSE

Come in to find the latest information on the sites you like to visit, mobiles and new technology. Find out what's good, what's not and what you can do about it.

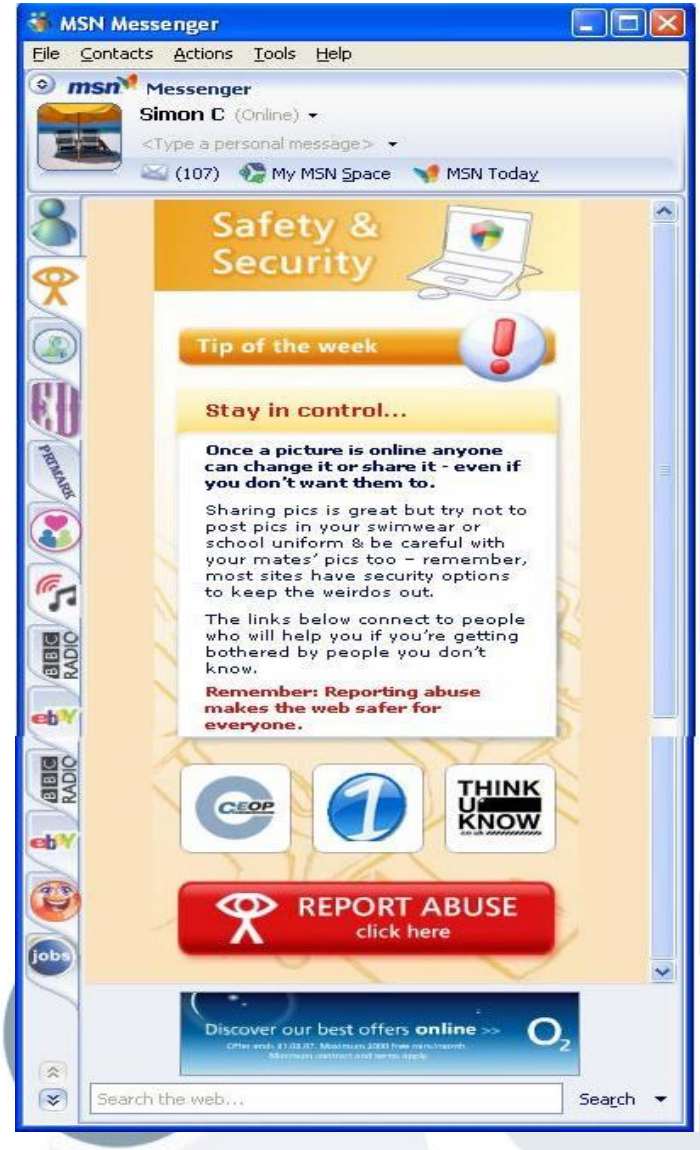
If you look after young people there's an area for you too – with resources you can use in the classroom, at home or just to get with it.

Most importantly, there's also a place which anyone can use to report if they feel uncomfortable or worried about someone they are chatting to online.

All the information here is brought to you by the team at the Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre. We hope you like it.

Youth Panel (62 Members) – UK Representation

‘Report Abuse’ in action



Practical tips:

- Check what files are being opened or downloaded – viruses, inappropriate images, etc
- Help children to understand that some people lie online and that therefore it's better to keep online mates online. They should never meet up with any strangers without an adult they trust.
- It's never too late to tell someone if something makes them feel uncomfortable.
- How to block someone online and report them if they feel uncomfortable.

Our Advice to Parents

- Know what children are doing online and who they are talking to.
- Keeping the computer in a family room means that parent's can share your child's online experience – and that they are less likely to act inappropriately (i.e. via webcam etc).
- Help children to understand that they should never give out personal details to online friends - personal information includes their messenger id, email address, mobile number and any pictures of themselves, their family or friends
- If a child publishes a picture or video online - anyone can change it or share it. Remind them that anyone may be looking at their images and one day a future employer could!
- If a child receives spam/junk email & texts, remind them never to believe them. reply to them or use them.

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