

ONLINE/CYBER ABUSE



“**Online abuse is any type of abuse that happens on the internet.** It can happen across any device that's connected to the web, like computers, tablets and mobile phones. And it can happen anywhere online, including:

- social media
- emails
- live-streaming sites
- online chats
- online gaming
- text messages and messaging apps

Children can be at risk of online abuse from people they know or from strangers. It might be part of other abuse which is taking place offline, like bullying or grooming. Or the abuse might only happen online.”

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Cyberbullying describes various forms of psychological abuse communicated via the Internet

- **Sexting** describes the sending of sexually suggestive or explicit messages or photographs
- **Grooming** is the preparation and psychological manipulation of a child or adult with the intent of sexual abuse or exploitation