



The Project Safe Childhood Act

The Project Safe Childhood Act (S. 1170/H.R. 2661) is a bipartisan bill that will reauthorize the Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood (PSC) program to combat online child sexual exploitation. PSC was created in 2006 to facilitate coordination among federal and state law enforcement dedicated to combatting online child sexual exploitation. The Project Safe Childhood Act will modernize the PSC program to ensure coordinated techniques to investigate and prosecute online child exploitation and child sexual abuse material (CSAM) crimes; improve collaboration among federal and state prosecutors and law enforcement to investigate offenders and share current trends; encourage submission of all imagery seized from offenders to NCMEC's Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP); and bolster online safety education and messaging relating to threats posed by online child sexual exploitation.

The Project Safe Childhood Act Benefits Law Enforcement and Child Victims by:

- Improving coordination among federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors on best practices, training, and trends relating to child sexual exploitation cases to create stronger responses to these crimes and improved services for child victims. The Project Safe Childhood Act will require law enforcement to develop standardized best practices for investigating offenders and sharing information relating to identified child victims.
- Encouraging law enforcement to submit all seized imagery to NCMEC's Child Victim Identification Program as a best practice. NCMEC's CVIP is the central clearinghouse for information related to children depicted in CSAM, including children who have been identified and recovered from abuse and children who law enforcement is still working to identify. By encouraging law enforcement to submit seized content to CVIP, the Project Safe Childhood Act will greatly enhance efforts to identify and safeguard child victims and enhance identified child victims' efforts to obtain restitution from offenders.
- Establishing a national Safer Internet Day to provide online safety education and messaging. The Project Safe Childhood Act recognizes the importance of prevention and education to combat online child sexual exploitation by establishing a Safer Internet Day to provide national public awareness and data-driven educational programs on preventing and reporting instances of child sexual exploitation.