



CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION

AUSTRALIA



- National Legislation
- National Strategy or Policy
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- UN Protocol
- Institutional Support
- Reporting Mechanism

BACKGROUND

Total Population: 22 919 000

(data source: [United Nations Statistics Division](#), December 2012)

Internet users, percentage of population: 82.35%

(data source: [ITU Statistics](#), December 2012)

Internet users age 15-24: 2 877 713

Internet user age 25-74: 10 930 738

(Composition by age available for the country answered ITU survey; data source: internal ITU statistics, December 2011)

NATIONAL LEGISLATION

- [Divisions 273 and 474 \(subdivisions D-F\)](#) of the Criminal Code.

NATIONAL STRATEGY

- The Australian government is seeking to establish a [range of measures to improve the online safety of children in Australia](#), 2014.
- A public consultation has been made on the subject of [Enhancing online safety for children](#), January 2014.

UN CONVENTION

- Signed and ratified, with no declarations or reservations to articles 16, 17(e) and 34(c), the [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#).

UN PROTOCOL

- Signed and ratified, with no declarations or reservations to articles 2 and 3, the [Optional Protocol to The Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography](#).

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

- www.staysmartonline.gov.au provides information on cybersecurity for Australian internet users and does have a specific space for the youth.
- The Australia's National Computer Emergency Response Team ([CERT Australia](#)) does not provide specific information on child online protection but presents a link to the Government's initiative StaySmartOnline.
- The Australian Communications and Media Authority ([ACMA](#)) provides information on internet safety for parents and carers.

REPORTING MECHANISM

- [CERT Australia](#) receives report on computer incidents in the number: 1300 172 499 (24 hours) and by the e-mail info@cert.gov.au
- [Online content complaints](#) can be directed to [ACMA](#) provided that they follow certain [requirements](#).
- The [Kids Helpline](#) can be contacted with the number: +61 7 1800 55 1800