



CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION

CANADA



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● National Strategy or Policy

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● Institutional Support

● Reporting Mechanism

BACKGROUND

Total Population: 36 675 000

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

Internet users, percentage of population: 86.77%

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

Internet users age 15-24: 3 948 910

Internet user age 25-74: 17 500 992

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

NATIONAL LEGISLATION

- Criminal Code Sections [163](#), [163.1](#), [172.1](#), and [172.2](#).
- [Bill C-15A](#) – “An act to amend the criminal code and to amend other acts”, September 2002.
- [Bill C-2](#) – “An act to amend the criminal code (protection of children and other vulnerable persons) and the Canada evidence act”, June 2005.
- [Bill C-22](#) – “An Act respecting the mandatory reporting of internet child pornography by persons who provide an internet service”, March 2011.

NATIONAL STRATEGY

- [Canadian Strategy to Promote Safe, Wise and Responsible Internet Use](#), February 2001.
- [National Strategy to Combat Child Exploitation on the Internet, May 2004](#).
- [Canada's Cybersecurity Strategy](#) talks about criminalizing "the use of a computer system to sexually exploit a child" (p.13)

UN CONVENTION

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

- Funding provided by Public Safety Canada regarding children protection.
- Governmental [Contribution Program to Combat Child Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking \(CPCCEHT\)](#).
- [Branches within the Royal Canadian Mounted Police: National Child Exploitation Coordination Centre and National Missing Children Service](#)
- [The Canadian Cyber-incident Response Centre \(CCIRC\) is responsible for general alerts, advisories, information notes and technical reports.](#)

REPORTING MECHANISM

- Cybertip!ca, Canada's national tipline for reporting the online sexual exploitation of children provides an [online form](#)
- The helpline [Kids Help Phone](#) can be contacted with the number: 1 800 668 6868