



CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION

UNITED STATES



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BACKGROUND

Total Population: 315 791 000

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

Internet users, percentage of population: 81.03%

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

Internet users age 15-24: 27 475 000

Internet user age 25-74: 144 238 000

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

NATIONAL LEGISLATION

- Section 15 of the US Code, Chapter 91, [§§ 6501-6506](#), included in the US Code by the [Children's Online Privacy Protection Act, 1998](#).
- Section 47 of the US Code, Chapter 5, [§§ 254\(h\)\(6\)](#).
- Section 18 of the US Code, Chapter 110, [§§ 2251-2260A](#), amended by [H.R. 1981, May 2011](#).
- Section 20 of the US Code, Chapter 72, [§§ 9134 \(f\)](#), included in the US Code by the [Children's Internet Protection Act, 2000](#).
- [Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, July 2006](#).
- [Securing Adolescents from Exploitation Online Act, February 2007](#).

- [Protect our Children Act, October 2008.](#)
- [Keeping the Internet Devoid of Sexual Predators, October 2008.](#)

UN CONVENTION

- Signed but did not ratify, as of the 30th June 2014, 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

- [Branch](#) created within the Department of Justice: [Internet Crime against Children Task Force.](#)
- The Federal Trade Commission runs the [OnGuardOnline](#) website, the federal government website dedicated to bringing information on internet safety.
- Branch created within the US Department of Health and Public Service: [Administration for Children and Families.](#)
- Organization [authorized](#) to work in partnership with the US Department of Justice: [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.](#)
- The United State Computer Emergency Response Team (US-CERT) does not provide specific information on child online protection but hosts a series of links [redirecting](#) to it.

REPORTING MECHANISM

- Complaints can be filled through the [OnGuardOnline](#) website.
- [Cyber Tipline](#) of the National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children has a dedicated space to report incidents which include computer incidents related to child online protection.