

Case Study: The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF)

The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) provides the UK Hotline for the public and IT professionals to report potentially criminal online content in a secure and confidential way. You can anonymously report:

- Child sexual abuse images and videos hosted anywhere in the world
- Criminally obscene adult content hosted in the UK. This is adult pornography of an extreme and criminal nature, such as rape or torture
- Non-photographic child sexual abuse images hosted in the UK, such as computer-generated or hand drawn images of children being sexually abused

The IWF works closely with the online industry to ensure that child sexual abuse images and videos are removed from the internet quickly and that access to these websites is prevented while the take-down is in progress.

At the same time, the IWF keeps close relationships with law enforcement agencies to ensure that the necessary evidence is preserved so that law enforcement can investigate the people who produce and distribute the content.

To report criminal content, go to www.iwf.org.uk and click on the 'report criminal content here' button. This will take you through the reporting process which only takes a couple of minutes.

Please note, this 'How to' guide was written in August 2012 so we recommend that you check the [IWF](http://www.iwf.org.uk) website for the latest guidance about reporting illegal content.
