

80% of children between the ages of 10 and 17 have intentionally watched pornography online. [1]

**Why is watching
PORNOGRAPHY a concern?
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1. Pornography often depicts acts of sexual violence towards women
2. It creates abnormal sexual expectations and unwanted sexual advances leading to violent behaviour.
3. Exposure to pornography at a young age enhances sexist stereotypes that can develop into unrealistic notions of sex and relationships.
4. Creates higher rates of risky behaviours, including the use of drugs and alcohol.
5. Creates higher unsafe sexual health practices, like not using condoms and unsafe anal and vaginal sex.
6. Frequent pornography use for young males can intensify supporting sexual coercion behaviour and increase likelihood of perpetrating assault.



PREDATORY CATFISHING

Virtual worlds and gaming sites usually have elements of anonymity that are very alluring and seem safe, but this can also work against you.

(A) Cases where webpages are meant for children.

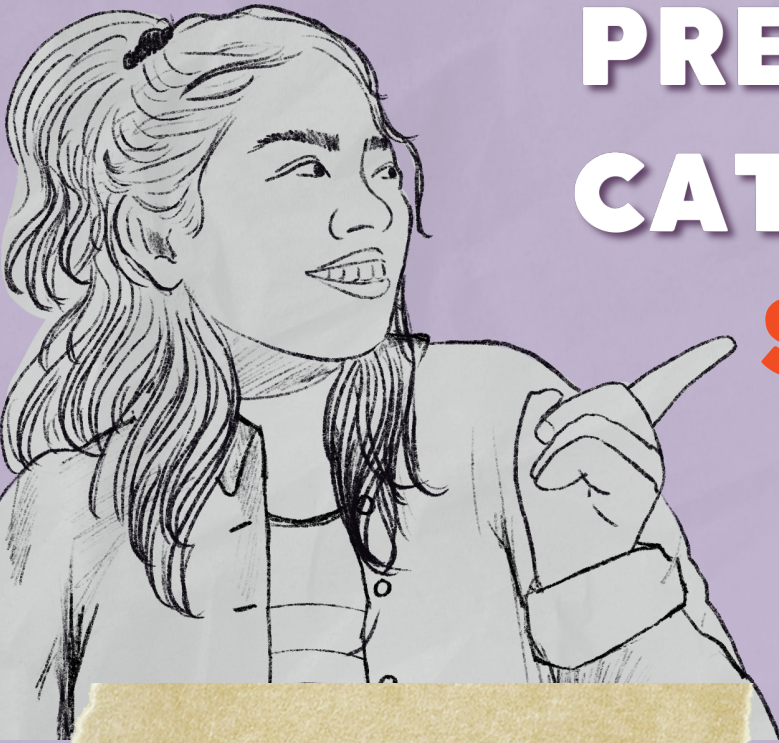
Adults can pose as other children, and form seemingly harmless relationships. It is easy to extract personal information from children, like where they stay or go to school, and sadly it presents as simple childlike curiosity by a predator.

(B) Cases where children find themselves on virtual worlds or websites meant for adults

Children are curious, and most sites have a very basic 'yes/no' pop-up when confirming if users are not minors. Without guidance, children can be exposed to adult content and predators.

- Extremely simple questions or voluntary remarks about the weather/ landmarks/ complaints about traffic can help a determined predator narrow in on a child's location easily.
- It's hard to warn children because they think of the predator as a friend. When an invisible online presence makes you feel nice, and can really relate to you, it doesn't feel unsafe until it's too late.
- Over 50% of online sexual exploitation are of kids aged 12-15, because they are especially vulnerable due to a mixture of lack of experience, and curiosity as they grow.
- Additionally, a lot of children tend to disable privacy settings - a nod to the growing feeling that it is important to have more followers/ likes/ online attention.

PREDATORY CATFISHING SOLUTIONS



1. Adults should **talk** to kids about privacy settings online.
2. Get kids to log onto **interactive websites** with other real-life friends so they don't have to play/communicate with anonymous figures.
3. When kids are introduced to new virtual worlds/ websites/ games, **play the game with them** to get a feel for how it works and what the environment is like.
4. Talk to kids about things and make sure they have **an avenue for conversation** so they don't feel the need to turn to strangers on the internet.



Non-consensual Dissemination of Intimate Images (NCII) a.k.a Revenge porn

Common reaction:

'Why did you send those pictures in the first place?'

Truth: It IS important to be careful and think things through when sending pictures to a partner/ allowing someone to take pictures of you.

Bottom line: it is NOT your fault if this happens to you, regardless of the situation or warning signs.

Case in point: Telegram group V2K exposé in 2020 -> Many of the pictures on those groups were put up by men, of their partners or exes. Many men put up pictures online of women/girls who had separated from them, as a way of getting revenge.

Section 211 of the Communications and Multimedia Act 1988 relates to complaints concerning offensive content online, and people who leak these photos can be held liable.

Social factor: A lot of girls, especially young girls, are scared to seek help or make a report because they are afraid of what their parents/ community will think of them. Asian culture further perpetuates this fear and causes victims to attempt to handle these issues ineffectively, giving predators an upper hand.

Cases should be reported to the Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission (MCMC) as well as the police (PDRM).

In 2018 alone, **approximately 17,338 IP addresses were detected** to have downloaded, uploaded, or accessed CSA material from, onto, and via the Internet (in Malaysia). [6]

Over 400 websites containing child sexual abuse materials were blocked between 2015-2018 following public complaints. However, **there have been no prosecutions or convictions.**

#Call it what it is

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Use the term “**child sexual abuse material**” instead of “child pornography”.

- Normalising the word “pornography” contributes to diminishing what is actually sexual abuse and/or sexual exploitation of children.
- Using the term “child pornography” may suggest that the acts are performed with the child’s consent and represents legitimate sexual material.

“It’s just a picture, don’t make a big deal about it.”

This is what a picture can do to a child [8][9]:

- Shut down social media and online presence due to persistent sexual harassment.
- Experience a general loss of trust in others.
- Medically diagnosed for PTSD, anxiety, and depression.
- Changes their self-esteem and confidence after they were victimized.
- Ruin their chances of employment, family life, or friendships.
- Worry that others assume they willingly partook in it.
- Feelings of guilt and shame that can linger even into adulthood.



Child Sex Offender Registry

Malaysia does have a child sex offender registry that is only accessible to employers [12].

A sex offender registry is a list of all convicted sex offenders in Malaysia. This system was built to ensure the safety of children and prevent any future child sexual abuse cases. Launched in 2019, this list can be accessed through the social welfare department.

If you intend to hire a babysitter, you can request for the sex offender registry through the social welfare department. Here's how to do it:

1. Get the IC of the person you'd like to check
2. Head to the state/district Social Welfare Department and pass the IC number there:
 - If you visit a state Social Welfare Department, you will get results instantly
 - If you go to a district centre, you will have to wait up to 5 working days
3. You must explain why you're performing the check.
4. You'll be given the results if your explanation is accepted.
5. If the person has not committed a sexual crime against a child, you'll get a letter stating "no records". If there is a record, the letter will say "further checks by JKM"



Spot a Predator?

Use **Lapor Predator!**

Lapor Predator is Malaysia's first automated chatbot that helps combat Online Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (OCSEA).

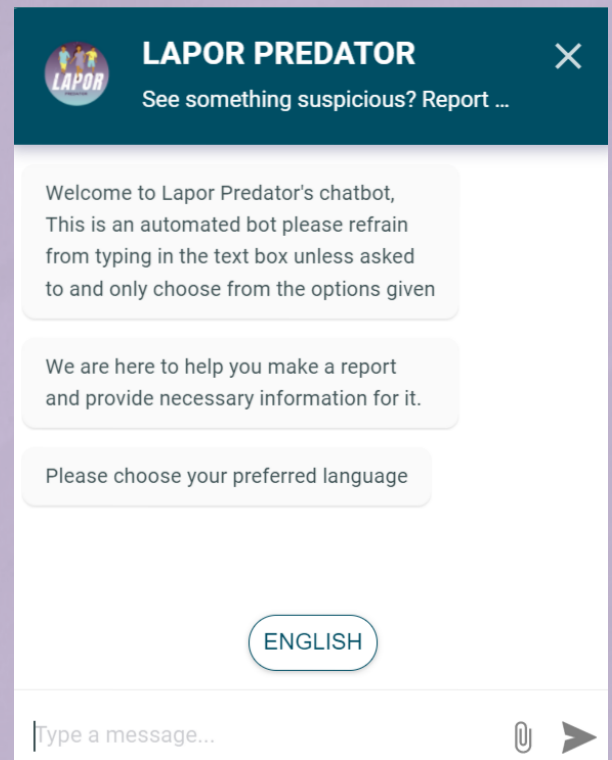
Operating Hours

Self Report: 24 hours

Live Chat: Mon-Fri (12pm-8pm)

How to Lapor Predator?

1. Go to laporpredator.org to report to our chatbot.
2. Choose from the 2 options:
 - Self Report (automated)
 - Live Chat (with our case managers)
3. Upload all evidence into the chatbot
4. Request for case updates by providing your contact information.



F.A.Q

- **Can I report about physical sexual abuse?**

For now Lapor Predator only focuses on online sexual crimes. Even so, we will guide you with information on the reporting process.

- **Can I report about someone else?**

Yes! You can report if it involves yourself, a friend, or even a stranger!

- **Can I report if the victim is an adult?**

Sadly, no. Lapor Predator is designed especially for child survivors. We can refer you to our referral points who will help guide you.

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