

ONLINE ABUSE

The NSPCC have defined online abuse as 'any type of abuse that happens on the internet.' Any child who uses the internet can be at risk of online abuse.

- It can happen on any device connected to the web such as computers, tablets, mobile phones and games consoles.
- The abuse can be through text messages, emails, online chats, video calls, online gaming and live streaming accounts via social media.
- Some social media platforms to look out for are: TIK TOK, House party, Instagram, Snapchat and Whatsapp
- Children can be at risk of online abuse by someone they know or a stranger.
- Online abuse could be in addition to other offline abuse such as bullying or grooming.

Sexting and the law: Sending grossly offensive, indecent, obscene or menacing communications are an offence. By possessing, and/or distributing indecent images of a person under the age of 18 years of age on to someone else is breaking the law under the Sexual offences Act 2003.