

Child Sexual Abuse Material

Cover Page: National Center on Sexual Exploitation's Policy on Sharing Proof

WARNING: *The material in this document may contain graphic text, blurred images, and survivor quotes that may trigger the viewer.*

Why do we post proof in the first place?

NCOSE researchers have collected this proof as evidence of the material that is made, contained, and/or distributed by the corporations and institutions NCOSE is confronting.

Proof is shared with corporate executives, shareholders, and/or board members, as well as with policymakers, law enforcement, journalists, and the general public to **give witness to the sexual exploitation and abuse that is often rampant, yet sometimes hidden, on these platforms.**

Why do you blur out images, including faces, if they're publicly available?

While we believe it is important to provide ample evidence of wrong-doing to support our claims and inspire change, **we also strongly believe that no one – neither adult, nor child – should be exposed to the type of material our researchers collect:** either for their own well-being, or out of respect for those being exploited. It is for this reason we pixelate/blur/block not only nudity or sexually graphic content, but also the faces of those being exploited.

We also want to limit access to this material (unfortunately, a luxury not afforded to children and adults using many of the platforms and products made by these companies). Therefore, we add several layers before someone can access the proof, and also don't include all the proof that we have obtained. If someone feels they need to see more evidence to understand the extent of the problem or the type of exploitation that is happening, they may request it of NCOSE by writing to public@ncose.com.

Did you receive people's permission to post?

Any personal testimony shared to NCOSE directly is posted only with the affected parties approval.

For material that is publicly available, we do not seek permission to post. However, we redact names and usernames of survivors from articles, social media, etc. even when publicly available. To read more about our commitment to ethical engagement with survivors, please go [here](#). We do not redact names or usernames of exploiters who have posted publicly.

Disclaimer: while we do collect information on those who request access to more proof, that information will only be used for our own, internal analysis. It will not be distributed, shared, or posted publicly or with outside parties.

There is an overwhelming amount of evidence of OnlyFans hosting child sexual abuse material (CSAM, the more apt term for “child pornography”). Sometimes this CSAM is self-generated, when minors buy into the false promises of fast cash and fame and create OnlyFans accounts for themselves. Sometimes the CSAM is generated by abusers and exploiters.

- [“The children selling explicit videos on OnlyFans”](#), May 2021, BBC
 - **“OnlyFans is failing to prevent underage users from selling and appearing in explicit videos, a BBC investigation has found.”**
 - Investigator Austin Berrier says that he has seen children on OnlyFans who appear to be between 5 years old and 17 years old, and are trying to make money on the platform. He says: “They understand the monetization of it [and are] on there to make money for girl scout camp, for cheerleader camp, or for their new bike.”
 - Many examples are listed in the article, including a 14 year old minor using her grandmother’s passport to set up an account.
 - “As part of our investigation, we found that one 17-year-old from a suburb in the south-east of England had sold videos of herself masturbating and playing with sex toys, while an under-18 participated in graphic videos hosted on an adult account in Nevada, US, in breach of the company's terms and conditions.
We were also able to set up an account for an underage creator, by using a 26-year-old's identification, showing how the site's age-verification process could be cheated.”
 - “Schools have shared anonymous reports of pupils using the site, including a 16-year-old who boasted to her careers adviser about the amount of money she made on the site, and showed off her "exuberant" spending on Instagram.”
 - “Underage creators and users of the site include victims of prior sexual abuse and those with mental health issues and suicidal thoughts, according to Childline counsellor notes.”
 - “UK police forces say children have complained about their images being uploaded to the site without consent, and one 17-year-old reported being blackmailed.”
 - “Missing children are appearing in OnlyFans videos, according to a US watchdog, which also says it has received reports of child sexual exploitation.”
- [“100 House Members Urge DOJ to Investigate OnlyFans for Child Exploitation and Sex Trafficking”](#), August 2021, Townhall
 - “Back in 2019, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) was aware of 10 cases involving missing children related to content sold on OnlyFans. In 2021, these statistics have soared. NCMEC has identified 80 cases, a number that's climbing, where missing children are linked to the dangerous platform.”
- [“Investigators say OnlyFans is a slippery slope for kids”](#), August 2021, News4SanAntonio
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- [“Children use fake IDs to sell X-rated videos on OnlyFans: Girls as young as thirteen are tricking site's age verification system to share explicit content watched by millions of adults”](#), May 2021, Daily Mail
 - This is an article based on the May BBC investigation showing evidence of minors using OF and bypassing age verification procedures.
 - “The teenager used a fake ID to set up her account and in one week received £5,000 in payments from the site, prompting the bank to freeze her account. There have also been reports of underage girls participating in videos on adult accounts in the US which is against the company's terms and conditions. School safeguarding officers also revealed that children as young as 12 were using the site to contact other adult content creators and asking to meet up. Meanwhile, children's protection charity Childline told the BBC one girl had reported to them that she had been using the site since she was 13.”
- [OnlyFans: A Case Study of Exploitation in the Digital Age](#), The Avery Center, December 2021
 - This report came from a research collaboration project between The Avery Center and Human Trafficking Detective Joseph Scarammuci. The research included a survey of past and current OnlyFans creators.
 - “Eleven percent of respondents in the survey said they were aware of minors who had accounts on OnlyFans, and said they estimated they personally were aware of a total of 35 minors who had had content of them sold on the platform.”
- [“Concerns over OnlyFans' role in sex, drug trafficking, money laundering”](#), May 2021, Yahoo!Finance
 - **Australian Federal Police and financial crime watchdog AUSTRAC have been investigating OF for potentially facilitating organized crime, drug/sex trafficking, money laundering, and evidence of CSAM.**
 - “University of New South Wales academic Michael Salter told *NCA Newswire* that sexual content of minors was already being uploaded to the site. Working with international partners, he last year came across a Twitter profile advertising an OnlyFans account. “It had about 25,000 followers and was advertising a very young model who was male,” Salter said. “We requested an assessment from a forensic paediatrician, who confirmed that the individual could be no older than 13 or 14, based on his physiological characteristics.”
- [“Hialeah Couple Hit With Human Trafficking Charges”](#), January 2021, CBS Miami
 - A couple sold a video of a topless 16 year old girl on their OnlyFans account
 - “Roberto Cuesta, 27, and Julietta Vado, 23, have been charged with human trafficking for commercial purposes, possession of a sexual performance by a child, and promoting the sexual performance by a child.”
 - “Vado reportedly posted the video of the teen on her social media site and promoted it for sale with the caption “New Content” with a link to their OnlyFans page. When the DCF notified them that the teen was a minor, they failed to remove the video and continued to promote it for sale, according to the arrest report.”