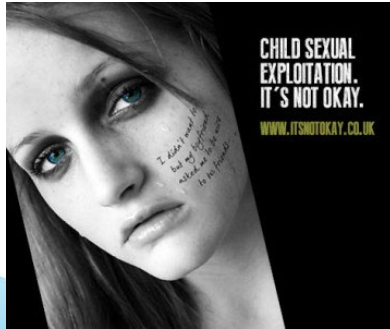





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Child Sexual & Criminal Exploitation Team



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A photograph of several police cars parked along a street next to a brick building. The cars are white with blue and yellow checkered patterns and the word 'POLICE' in blue. The image is partially obscured by a large white diagonal shape that contains the text.

In the fight against child abuse
we all have a role to play.
Any act, big or small can make a real
difference to a child and create a safer
society for all children

Understanding How Children Are Exploited



Child Exploitation normally follows three stages.

- **Recruitment.** This can take various forms but can be described as a grooming process. ...
- **Control.** This is an essential element in the process as it establishes the dominance of the perpetrator over the victim. ...
- **Exploitation.**



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Grooming process

Target

- Observing children
- Finding out their vulnerabilities, needs and wants
- Gaining and developing trust
- Manipulating children to recruit them
- Glamorising their lifestyle
- Sharing information with others in the group

Test

- Test out children's loyalty
- Offer them protection
- Give a sense of belonging
- Might create a dependency
- Introduce them to more established members
- Ask for favours
- Ask to recruit others

Trap

- Experiences of physical, sexual and psychological violence
- Trafficking
- Humiliation & control
- Reinforced dependency
- Blackmail
- Debt bondage
- Isolation from family, friends and society

Signs that a young or vulnerable person is being groomed:

- They have a new group of friends
- Using new language
- Appear to have new clothes, shoes, phones and cash
- They start to skip school
- They become secretive
- Their behaviour changes, maybe they have become emotional, withdrawn, aggressive and they start staying out after and later not talking about where they go or who with
- Start to appear with unexplained injuries or you think they may have started carrying a weapon

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Speak up. Stop it.

What is child sexual exploitation (CSE)

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) is a form of Child Sexual Abuse. It occurs where an individual or a group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or a young person under the age of 18 into sexual activity.

This can mean someone saying you “Owe” them sexual favours because:

- They have given you “Free weed”
- They have given you “Free Alcohol”
- A lift home
- They “Protect” you
- Takes you to Parties
- Being your girlfriend / boyfriend
- They have bought you expensive things



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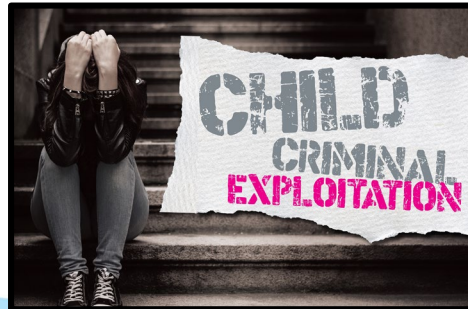
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Understand CCE (Child Criminal Exploitation)

Child criminal exploitation is the most common exploitation type within county lines offending, although child sexual exploitation is often present. Both male and females are groomed (recruited) within County Lines.

Controlling children, and very often vulnerable children, and having them at their disposal, gives Urban street gangs a continued work force.

More members of the urban street gang mean more opportunities to perform activities such as drug dealing. The marketplace that the gangs operate in can become overcrowded and saturated resulting in some children being sent away to continue the Gangs work elsewhere, which is referred to as county lines.



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The truth about County Lines

- It's not called county lines between young people.
- “Going Country” or “Going Long” CAN mean moving a phone line along. However, it can also be the movement of drugs, weapons and people.
- How much the phone worth?
- Going “Country” is one of the most profitable job within gang culture but also very risky



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Phrases that young people may use to refer to county lines include:

"Cunch" is slang for **"country"** (as in **"countryside"**) but can refer to any distant – **often rural** – area where **dealers dispatch** their teenage subordinates to peddle drugs, **out of sight of the city police** and the general public.

'running a line',
'going OT/out there'
'going country'
'going cunch'.
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Exploitation – Grooming can happen to children from all walks of life; all backgrounds and classes.



They can be children:



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In the care system or living at home;



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Known to services and/or have a criminal record or not known to services at all 'clean skins'

With Special Education Needs and Disabilities, on a Education, Health and Care Plan or academically-able, high-achievers with no disabilities



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Attending main-stream school, excluded and/or attending a pupil referral unit (PRU);

Drug-users or with no history of substance mis-use;



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Those who have suffered adverse childhood experiences including intra-familial harm and neglect or from protective-factor, happy, comfortable homes.

More girls being recruited and horrifically abused by county lines drug gangs

- “The harrowing exploitation of children and young people by county lines drugs gangs, including the increasing trend to recruit females, is a significant and increasing concern for councils who are working hard to identify and protect those at risk of abuse.”
- Girls and young women are being deliberately and increasingly recruited into drug-dealing ‘county lines’ gangs and subjected to horrific acts of sexual violence, the Local Government Association warns today.



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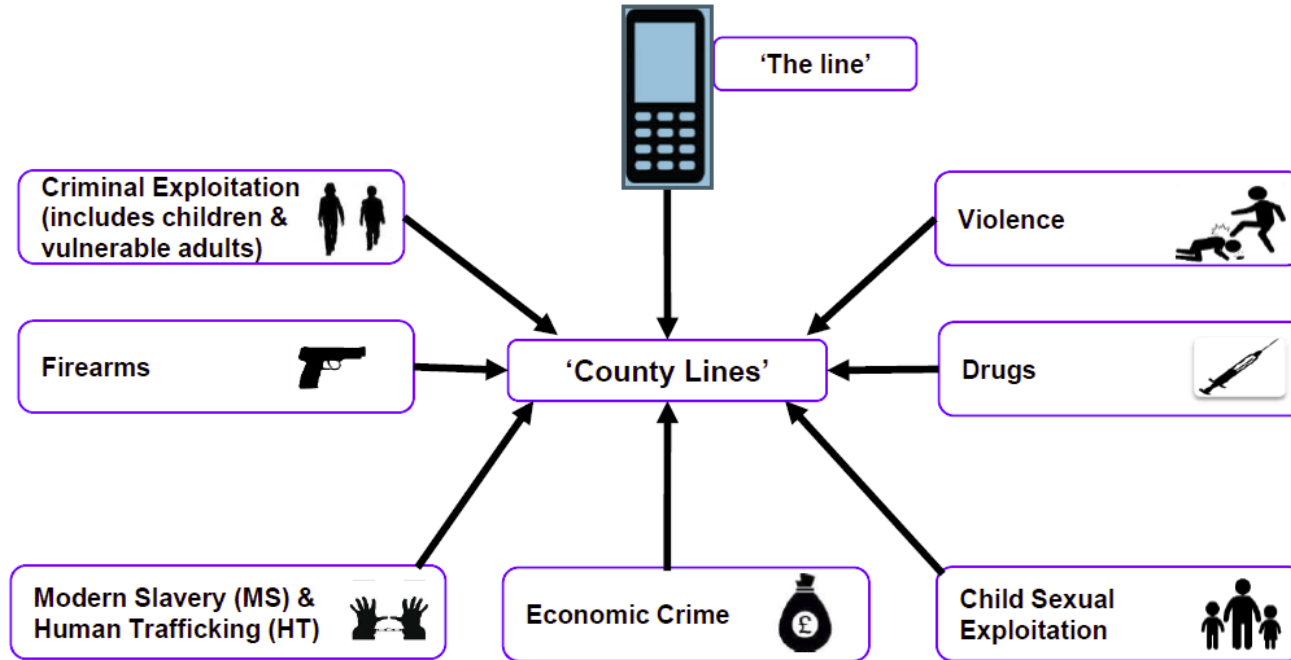
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Features of 'County Lines'

'County Lines' is not solely a drugs issue as it cross cuts a number of other thematic areas and crime types, including:



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Cunch-Line Chronicles is a **simple 2-dimensional game** which promises users a realistic depiction of 'London gang life'. The game draws on themes such as UK gang culture, drug running, police chases, and trap houses (places where drugs are stored).



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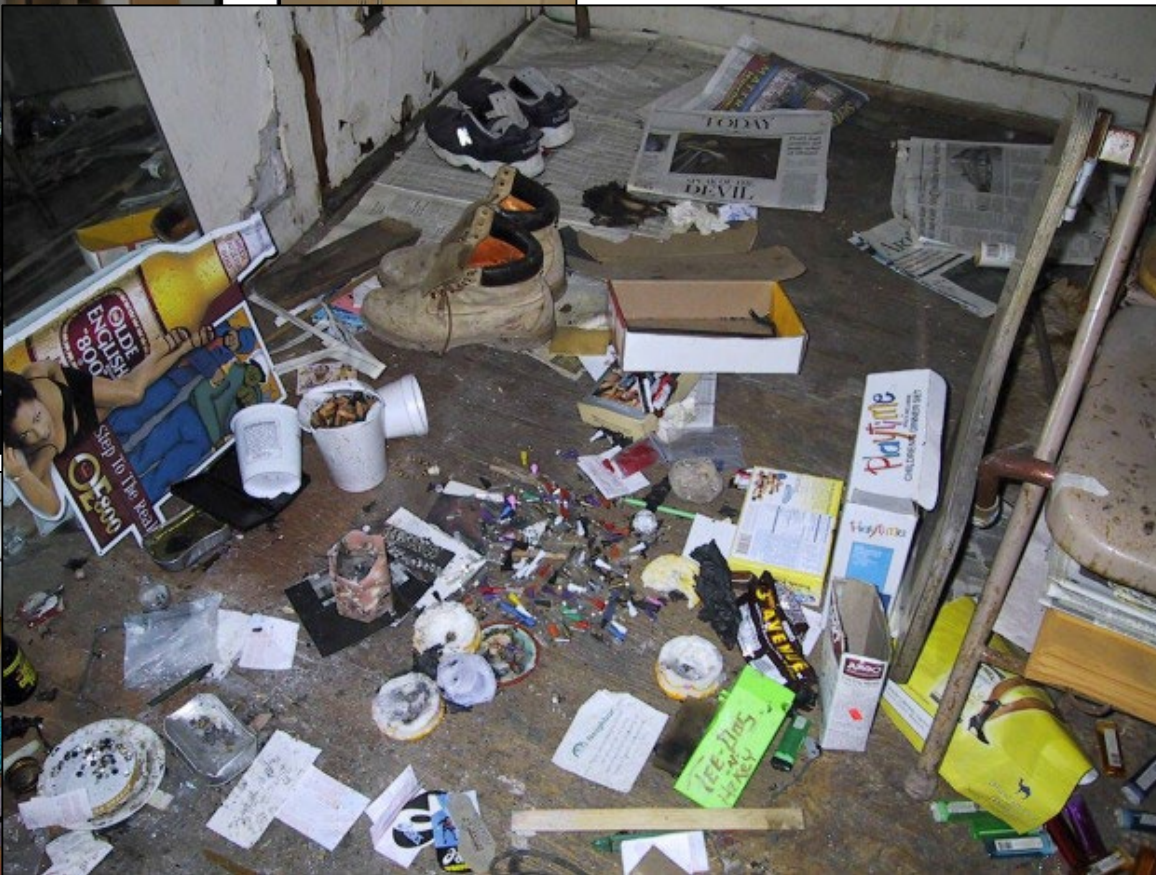
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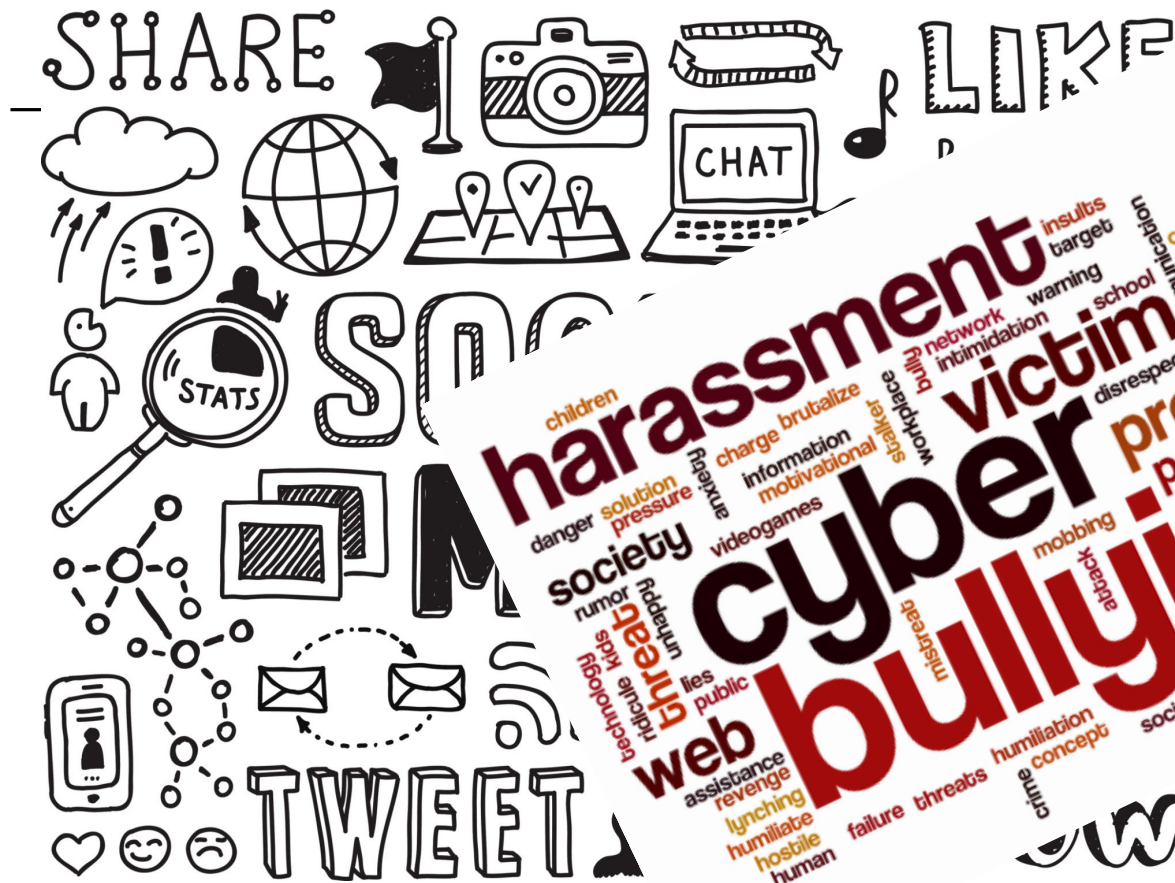
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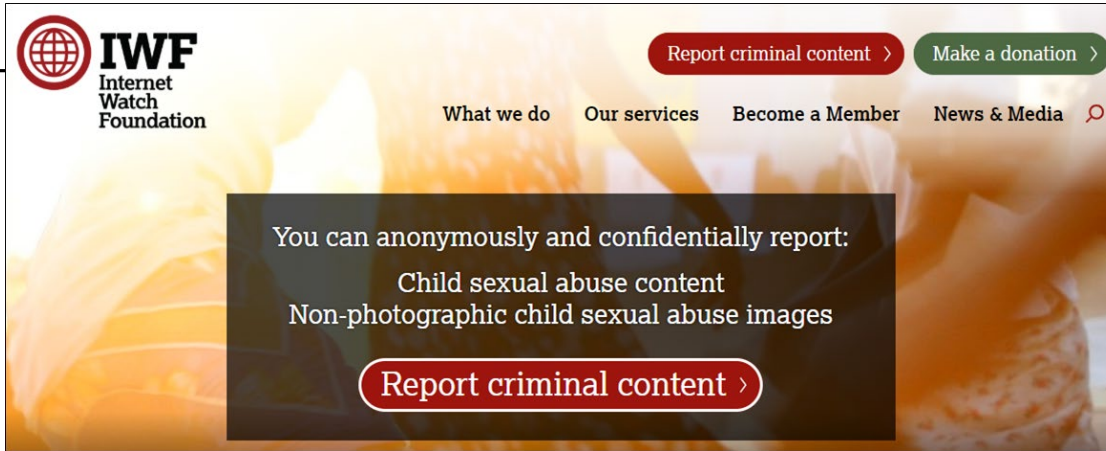
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6 in 10 actioned reports specifically show the sexual abuse of an [11-13 year old](#) girl who has been groomed, coerced or encouraged into sexual activities via a webcam. Sadly, we've seen instances of [children aged 3-6](#) being contacted and abused in this way.

For the first time we've looked at the prevalence of [female offenders](#) in the imagery that we see. We've seen how this imagery most often involves children aged 7-10 years old, and that boys are most often seen being abused by a female offender.

Know your apps



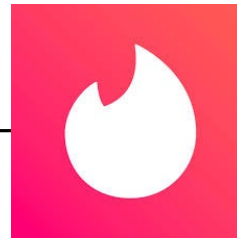
Tik Tok
Creative Media



YouTube



Digital Vaults
keep certain files
and photos hidden



Tinder



Instagram
Social Media



WhatsApp



Monkey Cool is a video chat app that allows you to connect instantly with millions of like-minded people near you and around the world. You no longer need to wait for a match to happen; just swipe left to instantly create meaningful connections.



Ask FM
Ask questions
anonymously



OnlyFans
A content
subscription
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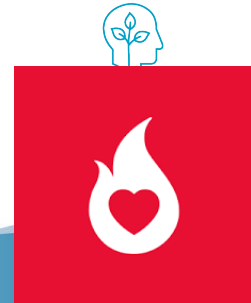


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Messaging



Snap Chat

Hot or Not Strangers rate a users attractiveness with the aim of real world meet ups in your local area.



Snap Maps





Omegle – Talk to strangers! *The Internet is full of cool people; Omegle lets you meet them. When you use Omegle, we pick someone else at random so you can have a one-on-one chat.* Pretty self-explanatory why this is so inappropriate and dangerous for children to use!



PURE

Pure is a hookup app that helps you spontaneously meet anonymous people in your area for casual sex. All you need is a selfie. Profiles are deleted in an hour, and there is no need to link any social media account.

BeReal.

BeReal Users receive a notification at a random time once a day saying 'Time to BeReal'. **This opens up a two-minute window for the user to post a picture of what they are currently doing.** The purpose of this is to capture an authentic, unfiltered snapshot of a user's life.

Frog - The social network fr.



Frog is an instant video messaging app where real friends share stories together. At Frog, there are no filters, no fakes, only real life and feelings.

Video Stories are called 'SUPs' here on Frog. Like making a sequel to a movie, friends can continue your SUPs by adding Sequel videos. Every good story needs a Sequel! Choose your fun SUPs and friends' SEQUELS to create a Flashback video with just one click.

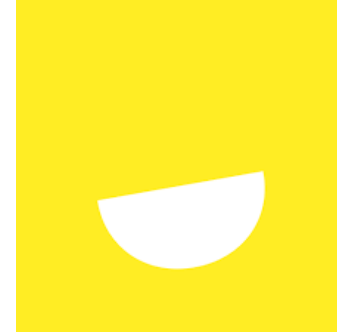
Twitch is the world's leading live streaming platform for gamers and the things we love. Watch and chat now with millions of other fans from around the world





Discord is the easiest way to talk over voice, video, and text. Talk, chat, hang out, and stay close with your friends and communities. With the right privacy settings and monitoring, it's easy to use Discord safely. However, there's always a risk when it comes to sites and apps with open chat. The safest way to use **Discord** is to only accept friend requests and participate in private servers with people you already know.

Yubo (previously Yellow) targets guys and girls who are 13- to 17-year-old who are looking to connect with other kids their age. ... Because unlike Tinder, Yellow has no checks in place to verify ages, meaning any stranger can add your child. And vice versa. That means photos can be exchanged — even if two people have never physically met



Reddit is an American social news aggregation, web content rating, and discussion website. Registered members submit content to the site such as links, text posts, images, and videos, which are then voted up or down by other members.



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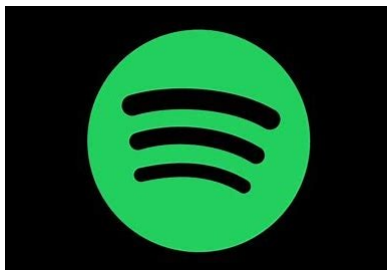
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Kids can follow friends and share playlists and favorite songs but will be subjected to ads unless they have access to a paid subscription. 13+



SoundCloud is an online audio distribution platform and music sharing website based in Berlin, that enables its users to upload, promote, and share audio, as well as enabling listeners to stream audio.

terms clearly state that you must be "either 18 years of age or more, or if you are under 18 years of age, you are 16 years of age or more if you reside in the European Union or 13 years of age or more if you reside in the United States or anywhere else".



“In this open-world action game, players assume the role of three criminals whose storylines intersect within the fictional city of Los Santos. Players can switch between each character to follow his storyline, completing missions that often include criminal activities (e.g., stealing cars, executing heists, assassinating targets).

The game includes depictions of sexual material/activity: implied fellatio and masturbation; various sex acts that the player’s character procures from a prostitute—while no nudity is depicted in these sequences, different sexual moaning sounds can be heard.”



Call of Duty is one of the most successful game franchises of all time. Players love it for its realism, humor, movie-quality clips, and thriving multiplayer community. But since its first release in 2003, the game has become increasingly violent.

Though Common Sense Media recommends the game only for adults or very mature teens, we know lots of younger teens -- and even tweens -- play it.

There are many titles, as well as apps, in the Call of Duty collection. If your kid is interested in the game, find out which version, and read the full Common Sense review



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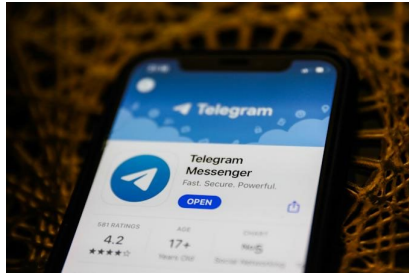
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'Telegram', which is an app which has been linked to offending **(OCG/gang/group/drugs activity)** it is an end to end encrypted messaging app that is very popular. 16+ Similar to Signal and Wickr.

Signal is a cross-platform encrypted instant messaging service. Users can send one-to-one and group messages, which can include files, voice notes, images and videos. It can also be used to make one-to-one and group voice and video calls, and the Android version can optionally function as an SMS app.

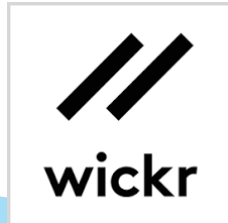
Signal also allows users to set timers to messages. After a specified time interval, the messages will be deleted from both the sender's and the receivers' devices. The time interval can be between five seconds and one week long, and the timer begins for each recipient once they have read their copy of the message. 13+



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The app **lets users exchange end-to-end encrypted and content-expiring messages, including photos, videos, and file attachments** 13+



What can I do if I'm worried about online grooming?

Advice to children parents need to give:

If someone online is making your child or a child to feel uncomfortable online let them know that they can speak to an adult they trust like a teacher, yourselves or another member of your family.

Explain to them that they can make a report to the police on the [ThinkUKnow website](#) by clicking on the 'report abuse' button.

All reports are taken seriously, and they will contact you to advise you on the next steps and provide support.



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Reporting grooming

If you are at all concerned by the way someone is behaving towards a child online, particularly if you suspect this person to be an adult, it is important to report it straight away.

Support for parents and carers of children who have been or are at risk of exploitation can be found at [PACE](#) (parents against child exploitation) – Tel: 0113 240 5226.

Child sexual abuse content found online should be reported to the [Internet Watch Foundation](#) (IWF).



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Private Settings



Internet Matters - <https://www.internetmatters.org/>
Helping parents keep their children safe online



Common Sense Media - <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>
Reviews for what your kids are into (before they get into it)



What research tells us about the effects of child exploitation

Child sexual exploitation has long-term effects on young people's social integration and economic well-being and may adversely affect their life chances. Some of the difficulties faced by victims include:

- isolation from family and friends
- teenage parenthood
- failing examinations or dropping out of education altogether
- unemployment
- mental health problems
- suicide attempts
- Self Harming
- alcohol and drug addiction
- aggressive behaviour
- criminal activity.



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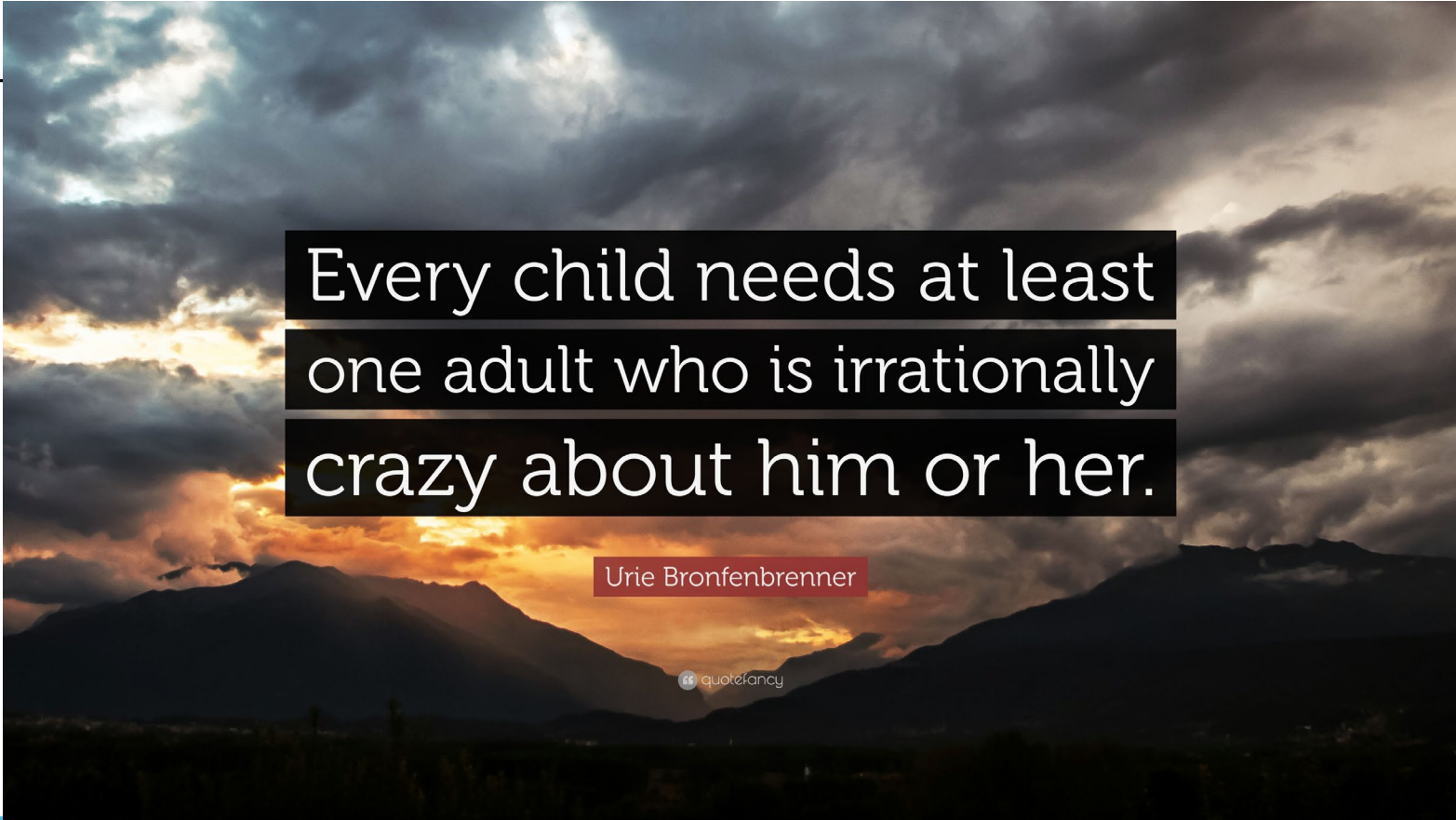
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Every child needs at least
one adult who is irrationally
crazy about him or her.

Urie Bronfenbrenner

 quote fancy



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