



**Welcome to the Ercall Wood
Safeguarding Bulletin**

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Step Up, Speak Up! (Childnet)

Almost half of 13-17 year olds have witnessed their peers editing photos of someone to make them sexual e.g. placing sexual emojis over them or adding different faces to pornographic images.

A practical campaign toolkit to address the issue of online sexual harassment amongst young people aged 13 – 17 years.

Online sexual harassment is unwanted sexual conduct on any digital platform and it is recognised as a form of sexual violence. It encompasses a wide range of behaviours that use digital content (images, videos, posts, messages, pages) on a variety of different platforms (private or public).

This toolkit specifically focuses on peer-to-peer online sexual harassment taking place between young people.

Step Up, Speak Up! includes a range of resources for young people and the professionals who work with them, including teachers, pastoral teams, senior school leadership and police forces.

Further details can be found here:

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/step-up-speak-up>

[Read more](#)

Tik Tok



TIKTOK

TikTok is a video-sharing social networking service, formerly known as Musical.ly. You must be aged 13 or over to use TikTok.

01

Video Sharing

Users can share short videos with their followers, coupled with a caption and hashtags. Profiles can be public (default setting), which means any TikTok user can view your videos and post comments, reactions, or duets to engage with the content you've created and shared. If videos are set to private, other TikTok users are not able to view them.

02

Comments & Likes

Users can comment on videos and 'like' them by clicking the heart icon. Users can report comments which are unpleasant or make them feel uncomfortable.

03

Direct Messages (DMs)

You can send direct messages to friends – users you follow who follow you back. The direct message function can be turned off in settings. Users must provide a mobile number in order to send and receive direct messages

04

In-App Purchases

TikTok has a coins system for purchasing additional content such as exclusive emojis and virtual gifts. The in-app purchases range from 99p to £99.99, and purchases can easily be made within the app.

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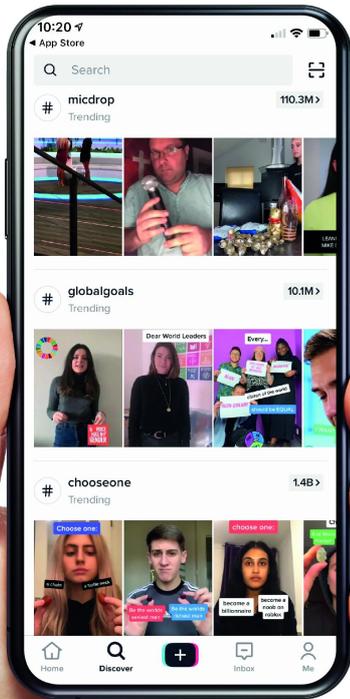
Online Predators

User accounts are set to public as default, meaning anyone can see and comment on your videos. Users can also download your video content from within the app. This means it is possible for strangers to have access to children's content and comment and share freely.

06

Concerns

Inappropriate song lyrics on videos. Sexualised content. Viral 'Challenge' videos can encourage children to participate in dangerous activities. Effect of 'influencers'. Concerning comments on videos of underage users.



Getting Help:

If social media has left you feeling depressed and anxious, or you have experienced any form of cyberbullying, you can talk to someone at ChildLine, a free confidential 24/7 helpline for children and young people. You can call 0800 1111 or chat online at www.childline.org.uk

(ChildLine is run by the NSPCC.)



YoungMinds Crisis Messenger

If you are a young person experiencing a mental health crisis, you can text the YoungMinds Crisis Messenger for free, 24/7 support.

YoungMinds Crisis Messenger
How does it work?

YoungMinds Crisis Messenger

The YoungMinds Crisis Messenger text service provides free, 24/7 crisis support across the UK. If you are experiencing a mental health crisis and need support, you can text YM to 85258.

We know that finding the right support is important, especially if you need someone to talk to right now. We aim to connect every texter to a trained volunteer promptly to provide crisis help. They will listen to you and help you think more clearly, enabling you to know that you can take the next step to feeling better.

It is free and confidential to text our service from the following major networks: EE, O2, Three and Vodafone.

These include - BT Mobile, Tesco Mobile, Virgin Mobile, iD Mobile, Sky, Telecom Plus, Lebara and GiffGaff. Some Android phones issue a warning that you will be charged for texting us, provided you are on one of these networks this warning is incorrect and you will not be charged. If you text us from a network that is not on this list there is a possibility that you may be charged for the messages and that they may appear on your bill, this is because some networks do not provide the capability to message short codes.

For more information: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/get-urgent-help/youngminds-crisis-messenger/#youngminds-crisis-messenger>

TikTok: Teen saves boy after seeing crash on livestream

7 April



Fast-thinking teen on TikTok saved a boy's life (BBC News)

We're always warning of the danger of social media, so it was refreshing to read of 13-year old Casden Cotnoir of Virginia, USA. Trent Jarrett, 12, was streaming his quad bike ride on TikTok when he crashed. Hearing Trent screaming out his grandparents' phone number after the screen had gone blank, Caden called them up, and Trent was rescued with only minor cuts and bruises.

"All of a sudden his phone goes kind of blank, you can see a little bit of light and you can just hear him yelling for help," Caden told WMUR-TV.

Full story: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-56660702>

Full story

Helpline for people who have experienced sexual abuse in education settings launched



New helpline will also offer support and guidance to adults and professionals working with children in education



MISSING DAY OR NIGHT

Missing from home or education. Not knowing where they are or who they are with.



NEW PLACES

Discovering they have been going to new places where they have no obvious connections.



ONLINE USE

Spending more time online. Secretive activity, refusal to come offline. Have they distanced themselves from family, friends and usual activities?



INJURIES

Unexplained bruises, cuts, burns, marks. Reluctance to seek medical attention.



CHANGE IN APPEARANCE

Clothing, personal hygiene, talking differently, tired.

EXPLOITATION SPOT THE SIGNS



CHANGE IN BEHAVIOUR

Have they become unusually secretive, fearful or withdrawn, aggressive, distanced themselves from family and friends, involved in anti-social behaviour.



CHANGE IN FRIENDS

Sudden changes in who they are 'hanging out' with including meeting new people from social media.



COPING MECHANISMS

Alcohol/drug use/self-harm – what they may be doing or using in order to cope.



POSSESSIONS

Unexplained items e.g. New clothing, money, phone, drugs.



HELP US STOP EXPLOITATION

SAY SOMETHING, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS.

CONTACT:

Crimestoppers  OR Police  OR
0800 555 111 101

WWW.STOP-CSE.ORG

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