

Decoding the Acronyms Used in Fighting Child Sexual Abuse

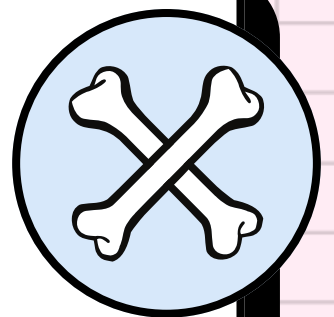
NCII: Non-consensual Intimate Imagery

Sexual explicit images and videos that are captured, published or circulated without the consent of one or more persons in the frame. This is often done in effort to shame, humiliate, or retaliate against the victim since the relationship ended. This is known as non-consensual intimate imagery but is also sometimes called “revenge porn.”



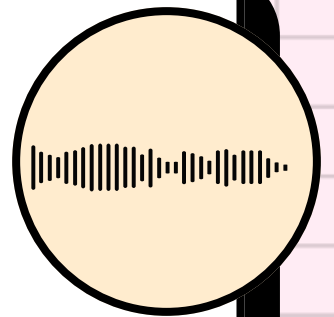
CSAM: Child Sexual Abuse Material

Child sexual abuse material (legally known as child pornography in the United States) refers to any content that depicts sexually explicit activities involving a child. Visual depictions include photographs, videos, live streaming, and digital or computer generated images, including AI-generated content, indistinguishable from an actual minor.



CSAI: Child Sexual Abuse Imagery

CSAI may at times be used interchangeably with CSAM, but as the term implies it refers specifically to images (not all CSAM contains imagery, it could be an audio file, for example). This may include still images, video, or live stream content.



CSEI: Child Sexual Exploitation Imagery

CSEI is another term you may see used instead of child pornography. Along with CSAM and CSAI, it more appropriately describes the nature of this content, but it is more widely encompassing than those terms.



CST: Child Sex Trafficking

Child sex trafficking (CST) as defined by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) “is the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, or advertising of a minor child for the purpose of a commercial sex act, which involves the exchange of anything of value- such as money, drugs or a place to stay-for sexual activity.

