



Legal Definitions & Relevant Illinois State Law

If you or your child is in immediate danger, dial 911.

Below are definitions and resources to help foster a better understanding of a few of the laws that support our children and victims of online crimes.

- ◆ **Cyberbullying** occurs when an individual or group engages in the abuse of power and/or control to purposefully inflict harm on another via electronic means. Cyberbullying incidents for which schools can assign discipline are no longer limited to those occurring during the school day, at school-sponsored activities or on school-issued devices.
<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/fulltext.asp?DocName=010500050K27-23.7>
- ◆ **Cyberstalking** occurs when a perpetrator uses electronic means to harass a victim.
<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/documents/072000050K12-7.5.htm>
- ◆ **Electronic Dissemination of Indecent Visual Depictions Between Minors (Sexting)** refers to sending sexual images and sometimes sexual texts via electronic devices.
<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/documents/070504050K3-40.htm>
- ◆ **Non-Consensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images (Revenge Porn)** occurs when an individual intentionally distributes an image of another person engaged in a sexual act or whose intimate parts are exposed. Note: the victim must be 18 years or older and be able to prove the offender should have reasonably known the victim would not consent to the image(s) being distributed. The offender can be a minor.
<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=098-1138>

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◆ **Child Sexual Exploitation**

Grooming occurs when an individual knowingly attempts to lure, entice or seduce someone believed by the person to be a child in unlawful sexual conduct.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/fulltext.asp?DocName=072000050K11-25>

Indecent Solicitation of a Child and/or Online Enticement is the persuasion of a child by another individual via the Internet to engage in sexual activity.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/fulltext.asp?DocName=072000050K11-9.1>

Child Pornography is the depiction of a child's sexual assault in images and or videos.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/fulltext.asp?DocName=072000050K11-23>

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/documents/072000050K11-20.1.htm>

Sextortion occurs when a victim is coerced into sending sexually explicit images or videos of themselves to an individual threatening to publicly post or send previously obtained images to the victim's friends and family.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/fulltext.asp?DocName=072000050K11-9.1>

For further support, [email](#) our Internet Safety Specialists.

To report possible child sexual exploitation, make a CyberTipline report at www.cybertipline.com.

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