

REPORT - REMOVE

The Internet Watch Foundation and NSPCC have developed a range of resources for Police Officers to raise awareness about Report Remove, a self-reporting tool for under 18s to report nude or sexual images or videos of themselves that have been shared online, to see if they may be removed from the internet.

Report Remove is an effective tool to use in child protection procedures, and it's therefore crucial that all officers familiarise themselves with Report Remove's capabilities.

When a young person loses control of a nude image of themselves, it can be very distressing. It's important that young people don't feel judged when this happens and you should reassure them that they haven't done anything wrong and follow the organisation's child protection procedures.

How it works

Report Remove can help to take down nude or sexual images that include at least one of the following:

- nude or semi-nude sexual posing
- someone nude or semi-nude touching themselves in a sexual way
- any sexual activity involving a child
- someone hurting someone else sexually
- sexual activity that includes animals.

Remember, you should never view the image.

Even if you're not sure whether an image or video will be removed, it's important to support the young person use the tool. The list above is only an indication of the type of images and videos that might be removed. The Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) will assess the image and try to remove it if they can. Young people can also choose to access emotional support from Childline during the process.

Using the tool

Children and young people can [access Report Remove on the Childline website](#). They then follow three steps:

- **Follow the instructions to confirm their age**

They may be asked if they want to prove their age using ID.

- **Log in or create a Childline account**

Childline will let the young person know the outcome of their report and provide further support where needed.

- **Submit the image or video**

A specialist analyst at IWF will review it and work to have it removed if it breaks the law.

See full information about Report Remove on the [NSPCC website here](#).