

Uniform Response Protocol

for child pornography

This protocol was developed to address and support not only the victims displayed in child pornography, but also potential victims in the lives of possession offenders and victims of sextortion. This protocol aims to promote the safety of families, increase access to services, provide comfort for delayed disclosure, provide support for non-offending caregivers, and increase communication between disciplines. This protocol was developed by a working group of the Rhode Island Human Trafficking Task Force including partners from Day One, the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF), Rhode Island State Police and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC), the Rhode Island Attorney General's Office (RIAG), the United States Attorney's Office (USAO), and the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI).

The federal government defines **child pornography** as any visual depiction, including any photograph, film, video, picture or computer or computer-generated image or picture, whether made or produced by electronic, mechanical, or other means, of sexually explicit conduct where:

- The production of such visual depiction involves the use of a minor (any person under the age of eighteen) engaging in sexually explicit conduct;
- Such visual depiction is a digital image, computer image, or computer-generated image of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct; or
- Such visual depiction has been created, adapted, or modified to display an identifiable minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

Production of images of child pornography includes:

- Producing
- Directing
- Manufacturing
- Issuing
- Publishing
- Advertising

Possession of images of child pornography includes:

- Books
- Magazines
- Periodicals
- Films
- Videotapes
- Computer Disks
- Computer Files
- Or any other material that contains an image of child pornography

Sextortion

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) defines sextortion as a relatively new form of exploitation that occurs primarily online and in which non-physical forms of coercion are utilized, such as blackmail, to acquire sexual content (photos/videos) of the child, obtain money from the child or engage in sex with the child.

Sexting

Rhode Island defines this as a minor knowingly and voluntarily (without force or coercion) electronically disseminating indecent visual depictions of **themselves** engaging in sexually explicit behavior (masturbation/graphic focus on or lascivious exhibition of nude genitals or pubic area). Rhode Island defines this not as a criminal act but as a status offense referred to Family Court.

Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT)

The MDT brings together all disciplines involved in a child pornography case and enhances coordination, is victim centered, and aims to reduce the risk of re-victimization. These teams may include law enforcement, prosecution, DCYF, mental health, victim advocacy, medical and other service providers

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