

the performance of tasks by police officers, but also by their own active actions to influence the level of law and order in their area. In our view, in order to take care of the security of the country, with a large population it is necessary, on its own initiative, to form associations for the protection of public safety.

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CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE ONLINE: THREATS AND SOLUTIONS

Child abuse is a worldwide problem that became obvious only last 20 years. The results of studies show that up to 1 billion children aged 2–17, experience physical, sexual, or emotional violence or neglect each year.

Sexual abuse and sexual exploitation of children are particularly severe crimes which the development of the internet has further aggravated, generating new crimes such as “grooming” (soliciting children online for sexual purposes), cyberbullying (harassment of people on social networks), sextortion (soliciting intimate photos or videos for blackmail purposes) and sexting (the activity of sending text messages that are about sex or intended to sexually excite someone).

According to the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) data of 2017, a web page displays images of children being sexually abused every 7 minutes. In 2017, 78,589 URLs that contained images of sexual abuse, concentrated particularly in the Netherlands, followed by the United States, Canada, France and Russia were detected. 55% of the victims are less than 10 years old. 86% contained images of girls, 7% of boys, and 5% contained images of both boys and girls.

To be able to act more effectively to prevent this crime we need to better understand the technology and the way the material is shared online, also trends in victim’s characteristics and characteristics of offenders as well as content characteristics overtime. Law enforcement agencies throughout the world must have databases and the ability to track relevant information about the material they process and investigate. It is not enough to have large databases with lots of variables, rather we need robust databases with useful, and carefully defined variables to act to prevent this crime from happening and find victims when it does. Preventing violence against children in a digital environment can’t be achieved without amendment to the law. Otherwise, this will lead to an increasing level of Internet crime against children, and raise the number of child pornography.

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