



END
 Child Prostitution
 Child Pornography and
 Trafficking of Children
 for Sexual Purposes

Child Sex Tourism

Child sex tourism involves people travelling to an area in their own country or to another country to sexually abuse and exploit a child there. A child sex tourist may deliberately go somewhere to look for children to buy for sex, or they may not think about it until a child is made available to them for sex. A child sex tourist might be on holiday or may be visiting a place for work reasons.

Sometimes, when people are in a new place they may think it is OK to do things that they would not normally do at home. This includes sexually abusing and exploiting children. They also think they may not get into trouble in places where the law is weak or where people do not know them. Often, these tourists will return to places where they think they can have sex with a child and not be punished because people do not know them and laws are weak.

Child and Youth Participation in ECPAT

Young people can fight the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

This is why ECPAT has a network of youth activists, led by the ECPAT International Child and Youth Advisory Committee (EICYAC). This Committee is made up of youth representatives from five regions of the world. They help the ECPAT Youth Representative, who is a member of the ECPAT International Board of Directors.

How you can help:

- Use the definitions in this brochure to help spread the word that commercial sexual exploitation of children is a crime that must be stopped
- Contact the ECPAT youth representative in your region
- Contact your national ECPAT organisation
- Send us information about your youth organisation
- Support a letter-writing campaign to urge governments and businesses to help to protect children and young people against commercial sexual exploitation

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ECPAT is a network of organisations and individuals working together to stop the commercial sexual exploitation of children around the world.

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ECPAT has Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC).

What is Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children?

Definitions for Young People



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stands for
**End Child Prostitution,
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Sexual Purposes (ECPAT)**

This brochure explains some of the main words we use when we talk about the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Young people can use this brochure to fight against the commercial sexual exploitation of children by writing articles and letters, joining youth organisations and standing up for children's rights. Understanding the problem is the first step towards ending it.

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

Commercial sexual exploitation of children happens when a child is used sexually by an adult and the adult pays to do this with money, gifts or favours. A gift could be food or clothes. A favour could be a promise of good grades, shelter or protection.

Commercial sexual exploitation is different from sexual abuse of a child because it involves some kind of payment.



Exploitation means someone benefits from or gets something by taking advantage of someone else in an unfair way.

Commercial sexual exploitation of children happens in many different ways:

- It happens when people pay for sex with children in brothels (places where sex is sold), in private houses or on the streets
- It happens when people record sexual acts involving children in pictures or videos
- It happens when children are bought and sold so that people can have sex with them
- It happens when people travel to places to have sex with children in exchange for gifts or money

Prostitution of Children

Prostitution is the exchange of money, gifts or favours for sex. Children may be sexually abused in exchange for food, clothes, shelter, protection or good grades at school. These payments may be made to the child or to someone who has control over the child.

When a child is sexually abused in exchange for money, gifts or favours, people might think the child has agreed to sell their body. But a child in this situation is influenced, by an adult, into doing things they would not normally do. The important thing to remember is that children do not CHOOSE to be commercially sexually exploited. Adults trick, pressure, threaten or force them into it.

Prostitution of children happens in many different places:

- On the streets
- In brothels, clubs and bars
- In hotels and in private houses
- In schools and other institutions

Child Pornography

Child pornography includes images, sound recordings or written words of children being sexually abused. The images, sound recordings and words are used by adults for sexual purposes. Most child pornography is in the form of photographs or films of children's private parts, adults doing sexual things to a child, or children doing sexual things to each other. Child pornography is often shared, traded or sold among adults. The trading of such pictures may happen in the community of a child victim or even in a child's school.

Sometimes, pictures of child sexual abuse are created using special computer tricks to 'morph' different images together to make a new image. These pictures hurt real children too, because an adult who looks at the images may want to sexually abuse a real child. If there are many of these pictures available, people might also start to think that child pornography is not a serious crime. But having sex with a child is not OK – it is illegal and it hurts children. This message should be made loud and clear.

Sometimes the child does not know that the picture is being made and he or she usually does not know how it will be used. Images of child sexual abuse can be sent all over the world via the Internet.

Child pornography is found in many places including:

- On the Internet, on websites, in chat rooms, news groups, emails
- On mobile phones in SMS texts and images
- In films, DVDs, videos and photographs
- In print, magazines, books, cartoons, posters



Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes

Trafficking is the movement of people from one place to another for the purpose of exploitation. Trafficking of children for sexual purposes means children are moved from one place to another (short or long distances) so that adults can sexually abuse and exploit them. A child or their family may be tricked, pressured, or forced to move. It is illegal to exploit children and adults in this way. Child victims of trafficking may be:

- Deceived or tricked by an adult
- Threatened with violence or force
- Kidnapped
- Drugged
- Bribed with money or gifts
- Moved with no pressure because the child does not understand or realise that they will be exploited

Victims of child trafficking may be moved from one place to another within a country or across borders to another country. Child traffickers are people who make money or gain in some way from the transport and exploitation of children.

Children are trafficked for different purposes. These include:

- Commercial sexual exploitation
- Domestic labour
- Dangerous or illegal work such as mining, being a child soldier, drug trafficking
- Arranged marriages
- Other forms of exploitation