

Where To Go For Help

Report Child Exploitation

Federal Bureau of Investigation

<https://www.fbi.gov/contact-us/field-offices>

<https://tips.fbi.gov>

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)

<https://report.cybertip.org>

National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

Family Advocacy Division

1-800-THE-LOST (1-800-843-5678)

www.missingkids.org/support

Team Hope

1-866-305-HOPE (1-866-305-4673)

www.missingkids.org/TeamHOPE



Scan code to access more resources

Office for Victims of Crime

1-800-851-3420

www.ovc.gov

Child Help National Child Abuse Hotline

1-800-4-A-CHILD (1-800-422-4453)

www.childhelp.org/hotline

National Center for Victims of Crime

1-855-4VICTIM (1-855-484-2846)

www.victimsofcrime.org

Your FBI Victim Specialist

As your victim specialist, I am here to assist you as you go through the criminal justice process. However, you should know I work as part of a team with FBI special agents and personnel from the US Attorney's Office. Discussions you have with me may not be considered completely confidential. There may be times when I need to share information you provide with the other team members or other government agencies. If you have questions about limited confidentiality, you may contact me for clarification.

On behalf of the FBI's Victim Services Division, I am committed to providing you and your family with the most appropriate services to assist in reducing the effects of trauma. As a victim specialist, I am highly trained to assess your needs and link you to the best resources available. I will assist in making your experience with the criminal justice system as smooth as possible.

Important FBI Contacts

FBI Victim Specialist: _____

Phone: _____

FBI Special Agent: _____

Phone: _____



Federal Bureau of Investigation
Victim Services Division
ATTN: Child Exploitation Notification Program
J. Edgar Hoover Building
935 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20535

www.fbi.gov/resources/victim-services

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Child Exploitation Notification Program (CENP)

*A Reference for Victims
and Parents/Guardians
of Victims*

Introduction

The FBI's Victim Services Division (VSD) assists victims who have suffered direct or threatened physical, emotional, or pecuniary harm as a result of the commission of a crime. A victim specialist provides case notifications, direct support, and resources to these victims.

The VSD's Child Exploitation Notification Program (CENP) is responsible for the notification process for victims of distributed child sexual abuse material (CSAM), which is mandated under the Victims' Rights and Restitution Act (34 U.S.C. § 20141) and the Crime Victims' Rights Act (18 U.S.C. § 3771). At the initiation of an investigation, victims and/or guardians are contacted by a victim specialist who, in addition to providing referrals for services, explains the unique circumstances surrounding CSAM investigations, and the possibility that images of your victimization may appear again in future investigations or court proceedings. If distribution of the images is confirmed, the victim specialist will request the victim and/or guardian complete and sign a Notification Preference Form, which is retained by the CENP.

Victims and/or guardians who indicate a preference for notification will receive subsequent notifications on investigations, court proceedings, and defendants' custody status in each individual case.

Victims may also indicate on their Notification Preference Form if they wish to provide a Victim Impact Statement (VIS) that may be used in federal/state/local sentencings or parole proceedings where the defendant's offenses involved images of their victimization. Information will also be available regarding losses suffered which may be eligible for restitution.

**You can provide a VIS regardless of whether or not you have chosen to be notified of investigations or proceedings. Additional information regarding the VIS and restitution eligibility can be obtained through your local U.S. Attorney's Office.*

Notification Methods

Due to the nature of criminal offenses involving possession and/or production of CSAM, an image involving your victimization may be the basis of multiple federal investigations and/or court proceedings. If you choose to be notified, you will receive notifications each time your image appears in an investigation or court proceeding. If you choose NOT to be notified, you will not receive any information regarding future investigations or court proceedings.

There are two options on the Notification Preference Form:

Opting-In

On your Notification Preference Form, there are two choices for opting-in. Please select ALL that apply.

- There is a box next to "Yes, I want to be notified when images of my victimization are the basis for future federal investigations or court proceedings."
**By checking this box, you will receive notifications.*
- There is also a box next to "Yes, I want to be notified, but prefer notifications go to an alternate contact. I provide consent for (name) to be notified when images of my victimization are the basis for future federal investigations or court proceedings"
**By checking this box, a designated alternate contact of your choice will receive notifications*

Opting-Out

On your Notification Preference Form, there is a box next to "No, I do not want to be notified when images of my victimization are the basis for future federal investigations or court proceedings."

**By checking this box, you will NOT receive notifications.*

Please note that if you do not mark any of these boxes on your Notification Preference Form, you will automatically be opted-out to receive notifications when images of your victimization are the basis for future federal investigations or court proceedings.

Notification Methods

If you choose to receive information related to future investigations or court proceedings, notifications from federal agencies are facilitated through the US Department of Justice (DOJ) Victim Notification System (VNS) via letter and/or email. To receive notices via email only, you will be required to verify your email address in the system.

Note to Parents/Guardians of Minor Victims

As part of the federal mandate to notify all victims of crime, minor victims are legally entitled to direct notification once they turn 18 years old, regardless of a guardian's prior preference. Therefore, victims will be contacted after their 18th birthday to complete a new Notification Preference Form as an adult. Please note that written consent will be required in order for an alternate contact to receive notifications on the victim's behalf.

A representative from the Victim Services Division will first coordinate with the parent/guardian prior to contact with the victim, when possible. Unique circumstances will be taken into consideration on a case-by-case basis.

To change your notification preferences or personal information, contact the FBI's VSD through your victim specialist or the CENP at CENP@fbi.gov.