

Making the **internet**  
a safer place for children



# Combating online child sexual exploitation anywhere, anytime

The Virtual Global Taskforce (VGT) is an international alliance of dedicated law enforcement agencies and industry partners working together to keep children safe online.

## **Online child abuse - a brutal crime**

Child sexual abuse attacks the most vulnerable members of our society, depriving innocent children of their most formative years.

Every child abuse image posted online is a picture of a crime scene. No form of this crime will be tolerated anywhere in the world.

## **Making the internet safer for children**

The VGT aims to:

- > make the internet a safer place
- > identify, locate and help children at risk
- > hold perpetrators appropriately to account.



# The VGT website



We all share responsibility to ensure our children are safe in the online world. While the internet is a wonderful resource, we should be aware of the possible risks of the internet and how to manage those risks.

The VGT website, [www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com](http://www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com), provides advice, resources and information to children, young people and their parents and carers, including how to have fun and stay safe online.

The VGT website provides the latest news, upcoming events and advice on how to become a VGT partner. There is also information on how to report abuse directly to the VGT.

The Report Abuse button, which can be accessed from the VGT website, is an effective mechanism for reporting suspected sexual predator behaviour anywhere in the world. It also acts as a deterrent to those offenders who think they can cause harm to young people.



For more information on how to report inappropriate or illegal activity with or towards a child online, visit [www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com](http://www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com)

# VGT making a difference

Since it was established in 2003, the VGT have and continue to work collectively to rescue children globally from sexual abuse, dismantle global paedophile networks and coordinate many covert internet investigations. The VGT has also targeted travelling sex offenders and shared and developed intelligence and resources for stamping out online child abuse and related contact offending.

The successes of the VGT rely on the strong international partnerships between the following member agencies:

- Australian Federal Police
- Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre, United Kingdom
- Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- Italian Postal and Communication Police Service
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
- INTERPOL
- Ministry of Interior for the United Arab Emirates
- New Zealand Police
- Europol



# VGT industry partners

The VGT acknowledges that law enforcement agencies can not fight internet facilitated child sexual abuse alone.

As a result, the VGT membership is extended to non-government organisations, industry and academia.

Key industry partners are working with the VGT to help make the internet safer.

For more information on becoming an industry supporter of the VGT, visit the VGT website  
[www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com](http://www.virtualglobaltaskforce.com)



## VIRTUAL GLOBAL TASKFORCE

The VGT logo reaffirms the objective of the VGT: the eye represents law enforcement globally, always roaming the internet across international borders to combat online child sexual exploitation, anywhere and anytime.

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