



When using a social networking site, look for the  **REPORT ABUSE!** icon.

Purpose and Use of the Icon

This icon, developed by the New Jersey Attorney General, allows you to quickly report abusive behavior and sexually inappropriate materials to the operator of the social networking site. Site operators using the icon have agreed, among other things, to review all reports and alert law enforcement about possible predators or crimes.

Remember, however, that the *Report Abuse! Icon* is **not** a 911 line to the police. Call police immediately if, for any reason, you feel that you or someone else is in danger or has been threatened by someone on-line.

If you know of a social networking site that wants to use this icon please contact the New Jersey Attorney General's Office at the following email address:
citizens.services@lps.state.nj.us

How it Works

The *Report Abuse! Icon* appears in a prominent and consistent location on each Web page of a social networking site that is using the icon and has agreed to follow the standards of service associated with it. The presence of the *Report Abuse! Icon* on each page will allow you to quickly report abusive behavior and sexually inappropriate materials to the operator of the social networking site.

- Once clicked, the Icon will take you to a Web page on which reports can be made and submitted on-line.
- Safety tips will be made available to you.
- You will have the opportunity to block the person suspected of committing abuse from having any further contact with you.
- You will have a set of standard categories to pick from including: child pornography, cyber-bullying or harassment, depictions of violence, predator alert, phishing/identity theft, sexually explicit material/nudity, suicide, threat of violence and under age user.
- You will get a confirmation that your report has been made and receive additional instructions depending on the type of complaint.

Join this Effort

Social networking sites interested in providing their members with an easily identifiable method for reporting internet abuse can feature the *Report Abuse! Icon* on their site by agreeing to implement the *Report Abuse!* best practices.

You can find a list of sites that have agreed to use the icon at www.NJPublicSafety.com/reportabuse/agreements.html

Email the NJ Office of the Attorney General at citizens.services@lps.state.nj.us for more information on how to join this effort.



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Internet Safety Resources

NJ State Police — Internet Safety Tips
www.njsp.org/tech/safe.html

NetSmartz.org — Educational Resources
from the National Center for Missing &
Exploited Children. Discusses various
internet safety topics.

- NetSmartz411
www.netsmartz411.org
- NetSmartz for Teens
www.netsmartz.org/netteens.htm
- NetSmartz for Kids
www.netsmartzkids.org
- NetSmartz for Parents
www.netsmartz.org/netparents.htm
- NetSmartz for Law Enforcement
www.netsmartz.org/lawenf.htm
- NetSmartz for Educators
www.netsmartz.org/educators.htm
- NetSmartz Videos and PSAs
www.netsmartz.org/resources/psas.htm

Think! Before You Post — Once images
are posted you give up control of them
and you can never get them back.
<http://tcs.cyberline.com/knowthedangers7.htm>

Don't Believe the Type —
<http://tcs.cyberline.com/knowthedangers1.htm>

Identity Theft and Phishing —
NJ Division of Consumer Affairs
<http://www.nj.gov/oag/ca/brief/idtheft.pdf>



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