

Encryption

INHOPE's vision is a digital world free of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM) and INHOPE member Hotlines around the world work every day to identify and remove CSAM as rapidly as possible.

Encryption technology is deployed by many technology companies in order to ensure online security and privacy by preventing anyone other than the sender and receiver from being able to view or read content being sent over their services. A consequence of this, is that a company may also lose the ability to detect illegal activity on their platforms.

While INHOPE recognises that encryption is important in the protection of online privacy & safety, in order to support the protection of children online, we encourage hosting and communications providers including those employing encryption on their services to:

- Actively implement legal and practical CSAM detection measures*, which respect privacy rights.
- Employ legal and effective measures to detect illegal, or prohibited** child exploitation activity on their communication services or platforms.

***Detection measures:** *As set by individual providers, and could potentially include in-app or on-device features, which preserve encryption.*

****Prohibited:** *As defined by individual providers Terms of Service / community standards etc.*