

Central Specialist Crime  
Online Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation  
Victim Identification Unit

# Youth Produced Sexual Imagery

This presentation does **NOT** contain any sexual imagery but may include light sexual content appropriate to the targeted age group (11 to 18 years)

# What is Youth Produced Sexual Imagery?

Also known as YPSI, Self-Generated Indecent Imagery or Sexting:  
images or videos generated by children under the age of 18 that are of a sexual nature or are considered to be indecent.

What you need to know

**It's illegal to:**

**Take, permit to be taken, make  
or distribute an indecent image  
of a child!!!**

What you need to know (cont.)

## Who is a child in law?

Any person under the age of 18

## What's an Indecent Image of a Child?

A sexualised photograph or video of a person under the age of 18

Includes - the negative as well as the positive version; and  
data stored on a computer disc or by other electronic means which is capable of conversion into a photograph.

Why take and post/send an image?

Sexual Expression  
Experimental  
Social and Peer Pressure  
Communication  
Attention/Affirmation  
Impression Management  
Accidental or Reckless  
Coercion/Blackmail and Revenge

Where might an image be shared?





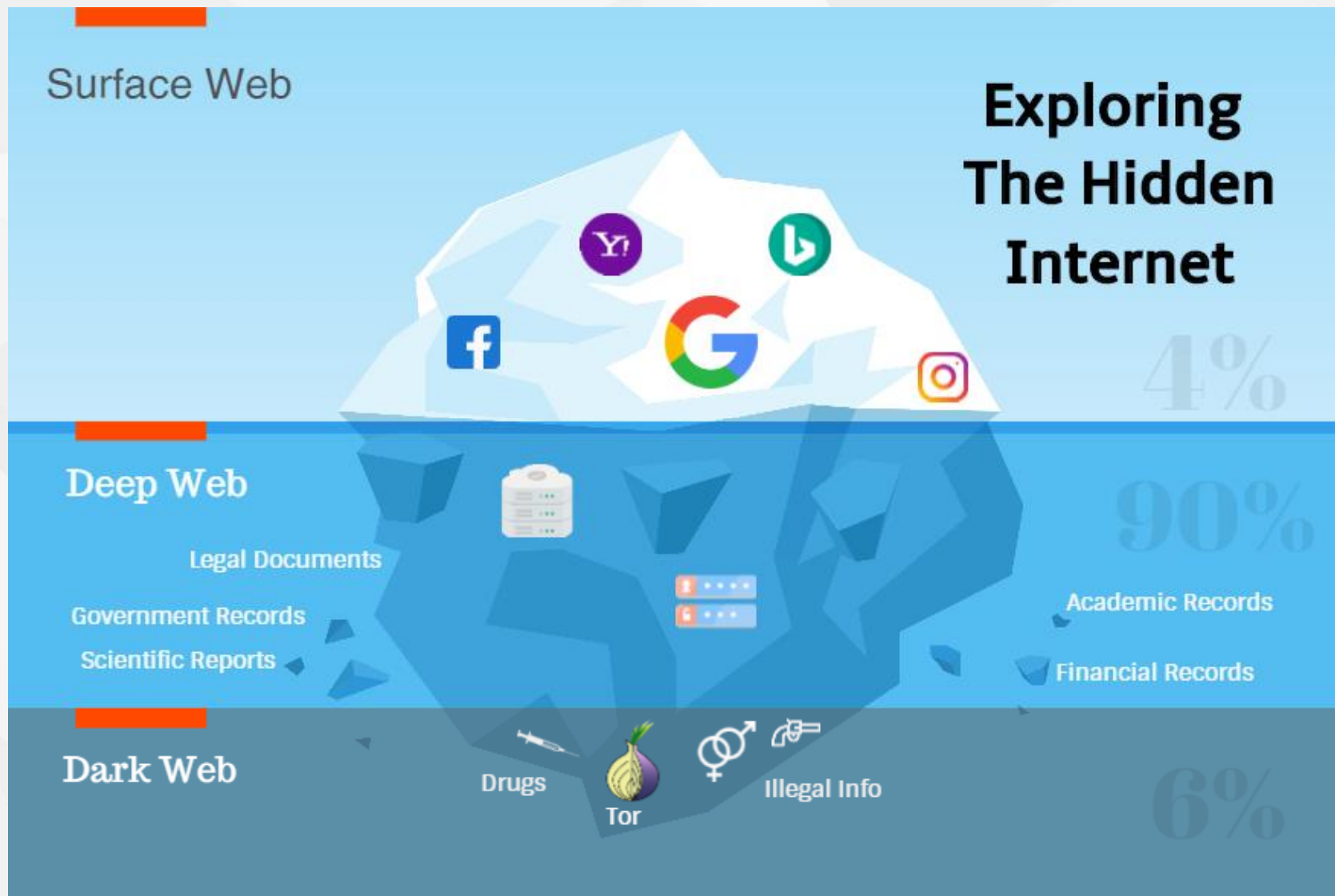




# THE DARK WEB



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# Short Term Consequences



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# Long Term Consequences



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**YOUNG**MiNDS

fighting for young people's mental health

<https://youngminds.org.uk>

stem4

supporting teenage mental health

<https://stem4.org.uk>

**NSPCC**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk>



<https://www.stopitnow.org.uk>

Confidential Helpline:

0808 1000 900



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# Victim Identification Team

Who we are and what we do:

Reviewing of Images

Dark Web scraping

National Network of Victim ID Teams

International Liaison (NCA)

BCU & Specialist Crime Support

Educational initiatives