

Live Streaming - why it matters; dangers & mitigation
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The CEOP Command of the National Crime Agency is the UK's national law enforcement agency committed to tackling the sexual abuse and exploitation of children, both online and offline. CEOP's Thinkuknow education programme endeavours to empower young people through education. It has a range of resources that have been developed for use with children and young people aged 5-17 years, helping them to identify the risks they may face online, and teaching them how to protect themselves and where to seek further support, including where appropriate, reporting directly to CEOP using the Click CEOP button.

The dynamic resources available through Thinkuknow include films, games, lesson plans and practitioner guidance. These resources are free for professionals working with children and young people who can deliver the resources directly to them. The aim is that through the use of these resources practitioners build online safety into their organisation's curriculum, policies and procedures. To register for access to these resources, and for information on our training courses, please visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals

#LiveSkills resources

Live streaming is increasingly becoming one of the most popular online activities for children and young people. Live streaming apps are soaring in popularity, which has seen other well established apps adding live streaming functions. With this in mind it's important that professionals are able to stay up to date with how children can stay safe when using these types of platforms.

Using the most up to date intelligence received into the CEOP Command, the #LiveSkills resources concentrate on the specific risks children and young people face whilst live streaming. They focus on the nuanced features of this new online phenomenon such as the immediacy of 'live contact' and the large numbers of users communicating with a young person at any one time, and the affirmation gained via views and gifts.

The resources highlight the type of tactics offenders' use on live streaming platforms, as well address the more deep rooted issues that might make children and young people particularly vulnerable online - such as low confidence and self-esteem. Through a series of age appropriate activities, both primary and secondary aged children will be taught skills to help them think critically about the people they meet online and empower them to respond safely to pressure and manipulation from adult offenders.

There are also accompanying resources for parents and carers to educate them about their children's internet use and factsheets for professionals that provide context and information about live streaming. All resources will include key information on reporting to CEOP and where to seek further advice and support.

To gain access to these materials, please visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/resources/live-streaming/ to download.