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## **CHILD ABUSE ON THE INTERNET**

Child Pornography is not pretty pictures of children in sexually provocative poses. It is the real sexual abuse of children filmed by the adult predators and sent out to the world via the internet. A webcam records the abuse of the children and sometimes the abuse on the internet is happening in real time. Think of how many times the child is abused as the pain and tortures are recorded and watched and then circulated forever on the World Wide Web! This is because Internet Service Providers (ISP's) contract with the providers of the pictures to circulate their information. ISP's operate with little control or regulation and this must change!

Some not so wise or informed people say it is better for a man to look at pictures than act out their desires on children. Child Pornography does not deter acting out. These pictures are to a child sex abuser what the free samples of cocaine would be to a drug addict. The internet doesn't create pedophiles but it certainly fuels their desires. The more they become immersed, they find acceptance among like-minded people and begin to feel confident that their sexual desires are socially acceptable. The internet provides the child sexual abuser with the three "A"s...Anonymity, Acceptance and Access.

Michael Briere's confession to the rape and murder of Holly Jones is chilling. He said he had fantasized about the molestation of a young girl for "maybe a year or two", but kept his "dark secret alive on the web, and the more I saws, the more I longed for it in my heart". Of that fateful night in May 2003, he states, "I viewed some material beforehand, I just got excited. I really wanted to do it. I really wanted to have sex with a child. I just came out of my place and she was there." Forty minutes later, Holly had been killed.

In very recent years the ISP's have been more forthcoming in helping with police investigations. We are most thankful for this development. But much more has to be done to control the display of child abuse on the internet. The Internet Service Providers are not likely to be self-regulating. In Canada, the CRTC (Canadian Radio-Television Corporation) must become more vigilant in controlling what the Internet Service Providers allow on their sites. The depictions of child abuse on the internet must be eliminated.

Send your signed Ribbon of Signatures to your local Member of Parliament and the Minister of Heritage, The Honourable James Moore at:

House of Commons, Parliament Buildings  
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Suggested Reading:

1. "One Child At A Time" by Julian Sher Copyright 2007 (at local libraries)
2. Macleans April 23, 2007 "The Secret Network of Child Predators" [www.macleans.ca](http://www.macleans.ca)