AI-Generated Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM): A Rapidly Growing Crisis

Why does this matter?

In a statement made by UNICEF:
The harm from deepfake abuse is real. Immediate action is needed to confront the escalating threat of AI-generated child sexual abuse material.

- When a child's image or identity is used, that child is directly victimized.
- Even without an identifiable child, AI-generated CSAM normalizes sexual exploitation and creates a demand for the material.
- Governments need to expand their definitions of CSAM to include AI-generated material in order to best address this urgent issue.

Read the full statement here.

How can you help?

- **Support Amendment #94 to S.3178,** the Economic Development bill. This amendment would criminalize AI-generated or modified CSAM. Learn more here.
- **Contact MA legislators and ask them to urge the Conference Committee members to keep this amendment in the final bill!** Conference committee members include:
  - Representative Aaron Michelwitz
  - Senator Barry Finegold
  - Representative Carole Fiola
  - Representative Michael Soter
  - Senator Michael Rodrigues
  - Senator Peter Durant

What is AI-Generated CSAM?

AI technologies are being used more regularly to create and spread CSAM by means of:

- **Deepfakes:** AI-generated or altered images and videos that appear to be real, identifiable people.
- **Nudification tools:** AI that digitally removes or alters clothing in photos.
- **AI chatbots & generative models:** Systems that can impersonate children or create sexualized content.

What is the current status?

47 U.S. states have criminalized AI-generated or modified CSAM.

3 states and Washington D.C. have yet to criminalize AI-generated CSAM. These include:

- Massachusetts
- Ohio
- Vermont

See our interactive map here.

Relevant Statistics:

- **1,325% increase** in AI-related CSAM reports from 2023–2024. (NCMEC)
- **400,000+ reports** to NCMEC involving AI-generated CSAM in 2025 (NCMEC 2025 CyberTipline Report)
- **1 in 17 adolescents** report being victims of deepfake sexual imagery. (Thorn)

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