



Advancing child safety through signal sharing

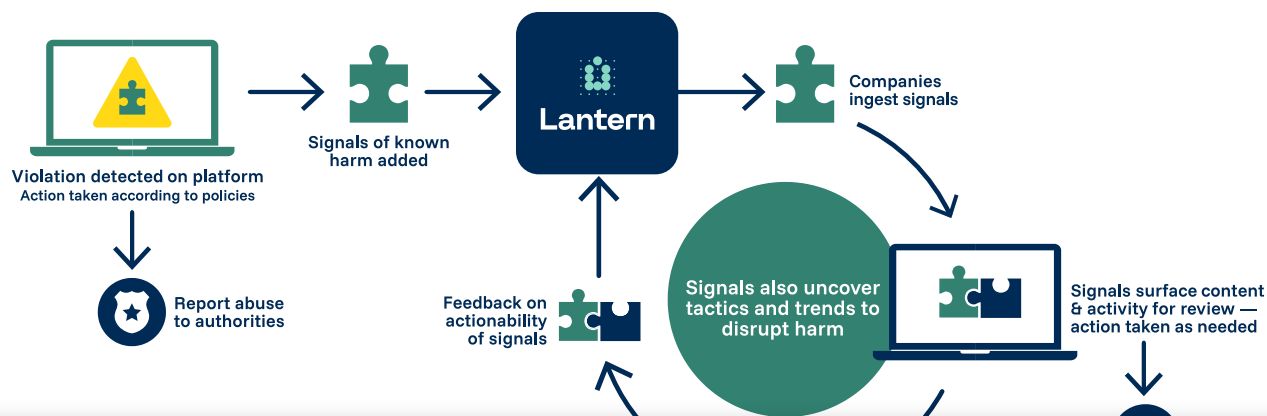
Every day, the world's leading tech companies share critical intelligence on threats to child safety through Lantern, using that information to make their platforms safer, removing abusive material and bad actors.

Offenders exploit gaps between platforms, services, jurisdictions, and industries to evade detection and continue harming children online. Because online child sexual exploitation and abuse (OCSEA) often spans multiple services, no single company can effectively address this threat alone.

Lantern was created to strengthen cross-platform collaboration against OCSEA. Participating companies can securely share signals related to violative activity, helping identify harmful behavior and content that may have otherwise gone undetected, uncover patterns of abuse, and strengthen enforcement across platforms and services.

Launched in 2023, Lantern has evolved into a growing industry infrastructure supporting coordination action against online child exploitation.

How Lantern works



When a company detects OCSEA on its platform, it takes action in accordance with its child safety policies and legal obligations. Through Lantern, the company can also securely share a signal—information that may help other companies identify OCSEA occurring on their own platforms.

Participating companies that receive signals independently assess the information and investigate potential violations of their own privacy policies and terms of service before taking action. These signals can help companies identify new forms of abuse or provide additional context to better understand activity already under review.

Lantern signals can provide a crucial piece of the puzzle to uncover active threats to children.

What are signals?

Signals are threat indicators, intelligence, or other information associated with OCSEA that may help participating companies identify harmful activity on their platforms. Participating companies determine which signals to share and ingest based on their policies, legal obligations, use cases, and assessments of relevance.

or text.

Examples include:

- Hashes of known CSAM that can be used to detect and prevent redistribution
- URLs linking to webpages that host OCSEA content
- Keywords or codewords used by offenders to evade detection in sharing or engaging with CSAM.

Incident-based signals relate to behavior, interactions, or events that violate child safety policies.

Examples include:

- Reports of repeated unsolicited contact with minors
- Attempts to move conversations with minors off-platform
- Payment requests or extortion language targeting minors

By sharing these signals, participating companies can better detect evolving threats and identify offenders attempting to exploit gaps between.

Financial sector participation

Financially motivated abuse, including financial sextortion and the commercial distribution of CSAM, increasingly rely on cross border payment systems and digital financial services.

Participating financial institutions engage with Lantern on a receive-only basis,

The Tech Coalition continues to take a measured and risk-based approach to financial sector participation, evaluating each institution individually to ensure compliance with Lantern's legal, operational, privacy, and security requirements.

- Accounts engaged in grooming or solicitation of minors to create explicit content
- Indicators of financial sextortion
- Patterns suggesting coordinate abuse across services.

By sharing these signals, companies help one another detect evolving threats, and respond more effectively – closing the gaps predators can exploit between platforms.

Lantern's impact

Signals being shared in Lantern are producing tangible outcomes and helping to protect children from cross-platform abuses.

2023 – 2025

2,047,982

Signals shared through Lantern

353,806

Platform enforcement actions

Enforcement actions break down to:

164,575

Accounts

163,112

URLs

26,119

FAQs

Who is eligible to apply to Lantern?

Lantern is open to qualifying tech companies and financial institutions that demonstrate a firm commitment to combating OCSEA and meet the program's requirements.

NGOs, governments, law enforcement agencies, researchers, and other non-industry organizations are not eligible to participate.

How do I apply to Lantern?

Where is the information stored/ who hosts the tech for Lantern?

What governance and safeguards does Lantern have in place?

Lantern participants





Learn more about Lantern

If you're interested in understanding more about Lantern or exploring whether it's a fit for your platform, our team are happy to talk.

Get in touch

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Preventing, detecting, and reporting child sexual exploitation and abuse is a priority for Snap, which is why we have been working with the Tech Coalition and other companies on innovative industry-wide approaches like Lantern, which strengthen our existing capabilities and technologies to identify and combat child sexual abuse material and predatory actors.

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Snap

Lantern resources





Integrating financial institutions into Lantern: pilot results



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