

## A Typology of Offenders Who Use Online Communications to Commit Sex Crimes Against Children

Type	Patterns Of Online Communication	Offline And Online Identities	Relationship Dynamics With Victim	Level of Sex Crime Expertise
The Experts	Offenders usually meet victims online. Some relationships are based solely online, others continue to face-to-face meetings.	Some offenders fabricate online identities; some present true identities.	The sexual relationship can develop immediately or gradually. It can be unilateral or reciprocal.	High
The Cynical	Offenders often know victims face-to-face first. They might also meet victims online and continue to face-to-face meetings or remain solely online.	Some offenders fabricate online identities; some present true identities	The sexual relationship can develop immediately or gradually. The relationship is usually reciprocal, at least in the first stage.	Moderate to low
The Affection Focused	Offenders usually meet victims online then continue to face to face meetings.	Offenders present true identities.	The sexual relationship develops gradually and is reciprocal.	Low
The Sex Focused	The offenders meet online and quickly progress to face to face meetings.	Offenders present true identities.	The sexual relationship develops immediately and is reciprocal.	Low

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