

Feasibility of the Internet in reducing Child Sexual Abuse in Sri Lanka

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Internet, which is rapidly spreading throughout the world, has become an essential item for the public in Sri Lanka. The majority consider the internet as something which has unnecessary influences. But what is proved by this research was regarding the virtuous usage of internet. The major issue of the research focused on the feasibility of the Internet in Reducing Child Sexual Abuse in Sri Lanka was, “Can internet be used to reduce child sexual abuse in this country? If so, how can it be used?” Accordingly, the main goal of the study was to seek the possibility of using internet to reduce child sexual abuse in Sri Lanka. The prologue of the research became that internet can be used as a productive mass media to reduce child sexual abuse in Sri Lanka. Also four research methods have been mainly used to collect data related to the research. Those are questionnaire method, interview method, case study method and having connection through the internet. Data collected through those methods were analyzed through SPSS database.

Accordingly, proving the prologue of the research, the major decision taken was that, “Internet can be used as a productive mass media to reduce child abuse in Sri Lanka”. Here it is adequately proved that information related to awareness of children how to get protected from child sexual abusers and awareness of adults to protect the children from them can be socialized using sources such as news websites and other popular websites, Facebook, Tweeter, YouTube, ‘popup’ notifications, web radio, web television, Skype, Viber, blog, FTP, electronic mail etc. It can be mentioned very clearly that general public as well as the responsible state mechanism should act to reduce child sexual abuses in Sri Lanka using technical methods mentioned above. In an era where the entire social opinion is built up regarding the misuse of internet, this research, which logically sought its good abilities, is a very important research done in the field of the said subject.

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