

## KEEPING KIDS SAFE ONLINE - an online abuse awareness campaign

Lockdown and long-lasting pandemic restrictions over the last year have resulted in many children and young people spending more time online than usual, increasing the risk that they might be targeted and exploited by online abusers.

In the month that Police Scotland reported a 13.4% increase in reports of online abuse and exploitation of young people, **Child Protection Committees Scotland** are launching a 10 day ***Keeping Kids***

existing tools to help protect their children from potential harm. The tone of the campaign aims to be supportive, encouraging parents not to be afraid but to be curious, and to work alongside their children to learn how to protect them from online abuse.

many children have been online for longer during the pandemic so more children have been at risk of online abuse  
parents and carers can play a big part