

Behaviors Which May be Indicative of Increased Risk for Contact Offending in Internet Offenders

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We believe that some behaviors may be suggestive of an increased probability for a client to progress from “hands-off” internet offenses to “hands-on” contact offenses. The following behaviors are listed in order of their relevance to such a progression. We believe the greater the percentage of behaviors present from the bottom portion of the list, the more an offender moves from being “passive” to “active” in his or her behavior and the greater the likelihood that future contact offenses may occur.

An evaluator may mark whether a behavior is “Present” or “Not Present” or mark whether the evidence is “Unknown”.

- Viewing photos of clothed children absent interactions with others – Present/Not Present/Unknown
- Viewing photos of nude or partially nude children absent interactions with others – Present/Not Present/Unknown
- Viewing photos of children engaged in sex acts – Present/Not Present/ Unknown.
- Viewing videos of children engaged in sex acts – Present/Not Present/ Unknown
- Taking repeated secretive photos of children – Present/Not Present/ Unknown
- Creating or “morphing” photos of children – Present/Not Present/Unknown.
- Repeatedly viewing sexually suggestive images or videos of children known to client – Present/Not Present/ Unknown
- Chatting online with adults about sexual arousal or sexual acts towards children - Present/Not Present/Unknown
- Chatting with a specific child about sexual acts or arousal involving the child – Present/Not Present/ Unknown
- Enticing sex acts during chats with children – Present/Not Present/Unknown
- Discussing or arranging in-person meetings during chat with minor or minor persona – Present/Not Present/Unknown.
- Travelling to meeting minor or minor persona for purposes of sex – Present/Not Present/Unknown

Please note that while we believe that this listing accurately represents our experience evaluating hundreds of sex offenders over the years, and has apparent face validity, there is at present no research to confirm that the list can be used to predict contact offending.