The Internet provides easy access to a number of pornographic materials and reduces the cost of production and distribution of such materials. An offender can easily distribute the materials through e-mails, newsgroups, and webcams.

Child pornography affects children physically, socially, and psychologically.

ISPs (Internet service providers) play an important role in reducing the problem of child pornography. They can block illegal sites, apply filters to browsers and search engines, and create complaint sites.

The police play a crucial role in investigating pornographic sites. They may use computer forensic tools and techniques to investigate such sites. They may also use honeytrap sites to find offenders.

The challenges in controlling child pornography include the large amount of Internet traffic, a lack of rules and regulations in certain countries, and the advanced techniques offenders use.

An offender’s computer, handheld devices, and servers are the main sources of evidence for an investigation.

There are many anti-child-pornography organizations around the globe that seek to stop the sexual exploitation of children; these organizations offer reporting capabilities, education, training, and other services.

**Review Questions**

1. What are the motives of people involved in child pornography?

2. Explain the role of the Internet in promoting child pornography.

3. What are the effects of child pornography on children?

4. How can the dissemination of child pornography be prevented?

5. What are the challenges involved in controlling child pornography?

6. List the guidelines for investigating child pornography cases.

7. List the sources of digital evidence during an investigation.

8. List the guidelines for parents to reduce the risk of their children becoming exposed to child pornography.