

Regulation for Online Dating Sites in Japan

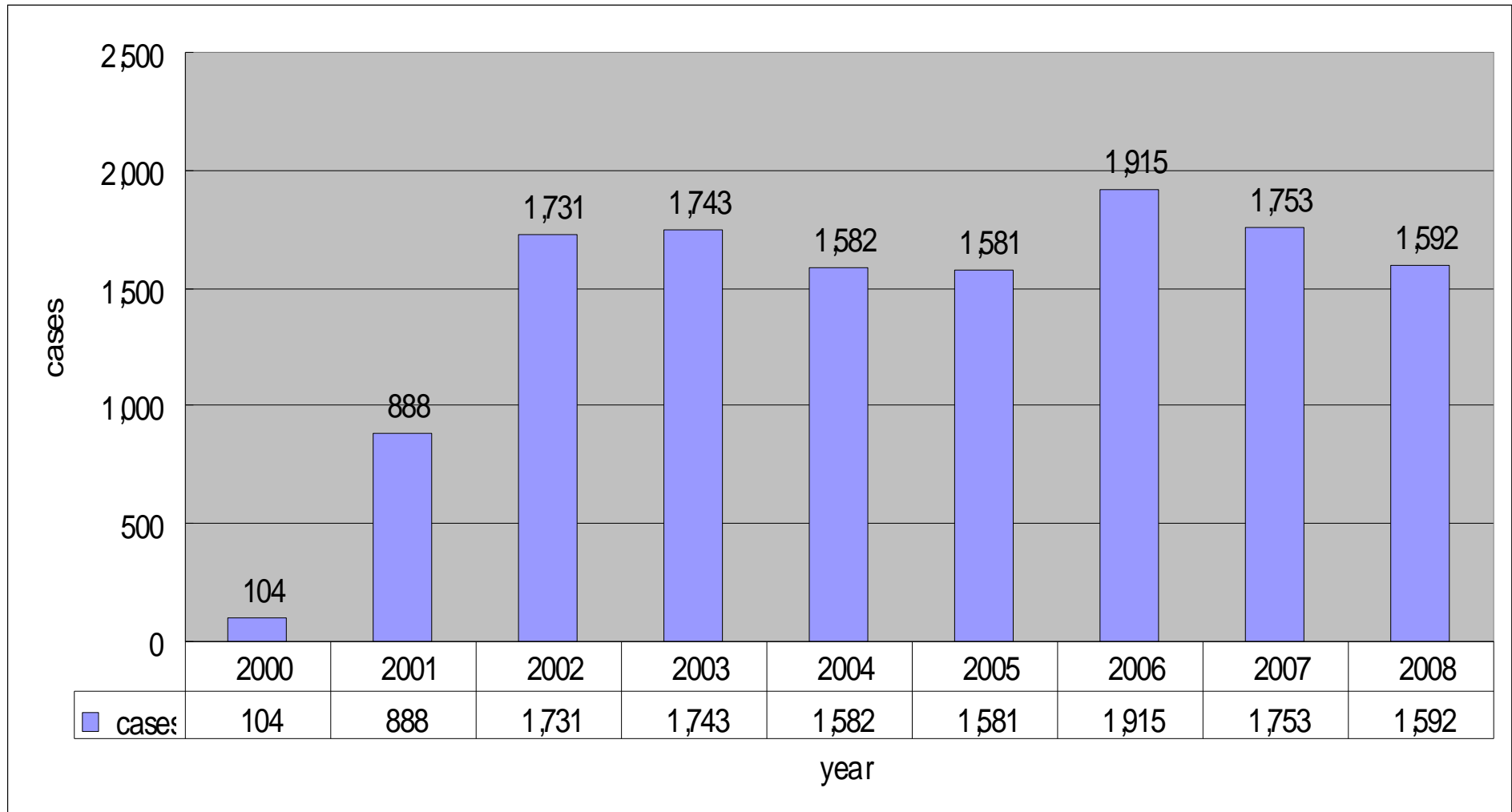
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Number of criminal cases relating to Online Dating Sites cleared by police



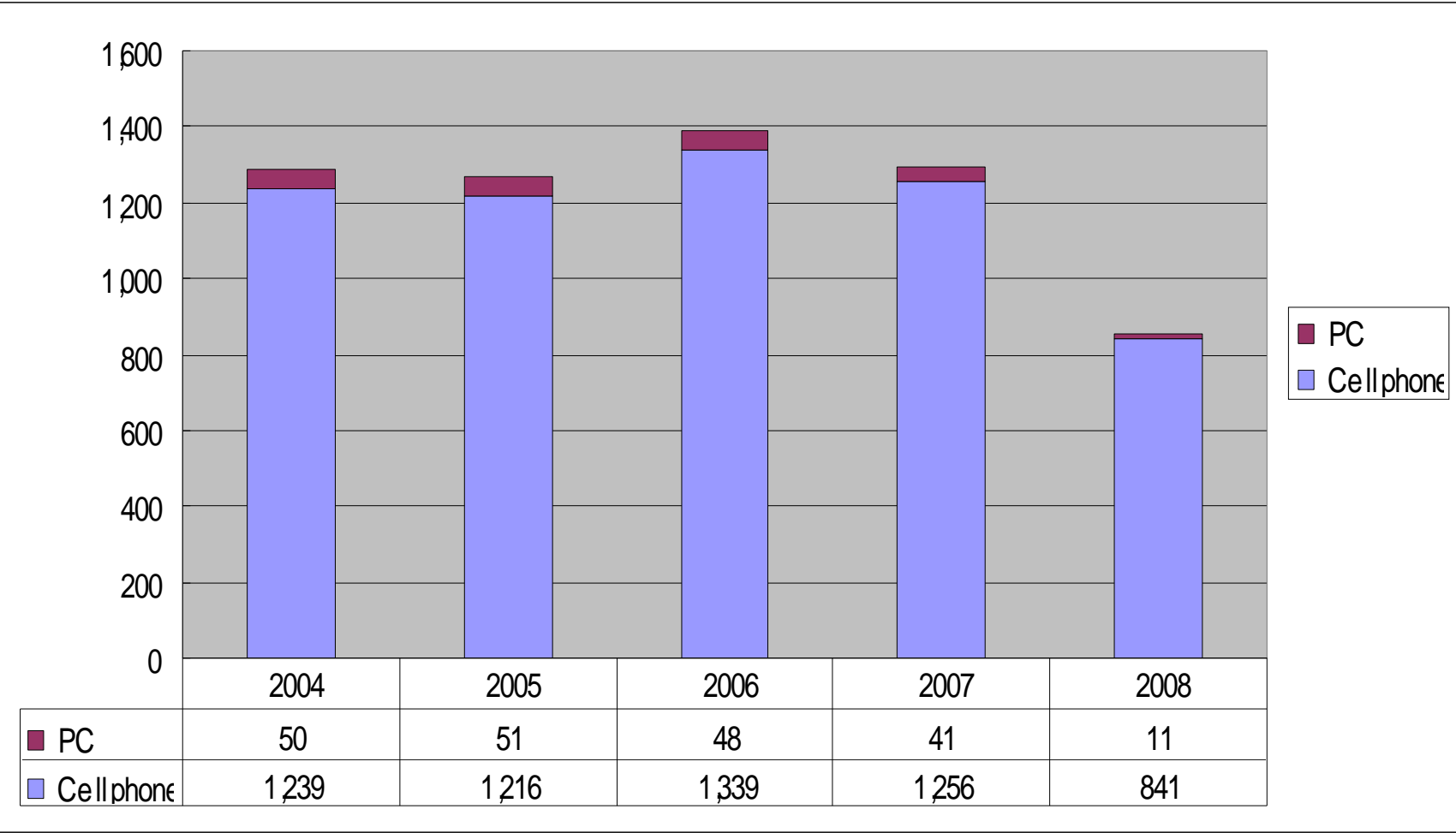
Content of criminal cases in 2008

Total	1 592
child prostitution	531
child pornography	70
Local regulations for sexual offences on children	302
Law on control of Online dating sites	367
Child welfare law	72
Murder	2
Robbery	20
Rape	24
Kidnapping	1
Forcible Indecency	7
Assault	1
Injury	3
Intimidation	4
Extortion	29
Theft	32
Fraud	42
Others	85

Content of criminal cases in 2008 (2)

- Felony (murder and robbery) 22
- Sexual offences 1373, 86.2%
 - Rape, Forcible Indecency 31
 - Child prostitution, Violations of Local regulations for sexual offences on children, violations of Child welfare law, Child pornography 975
 - Violations of the Law on control of online dating sites 367

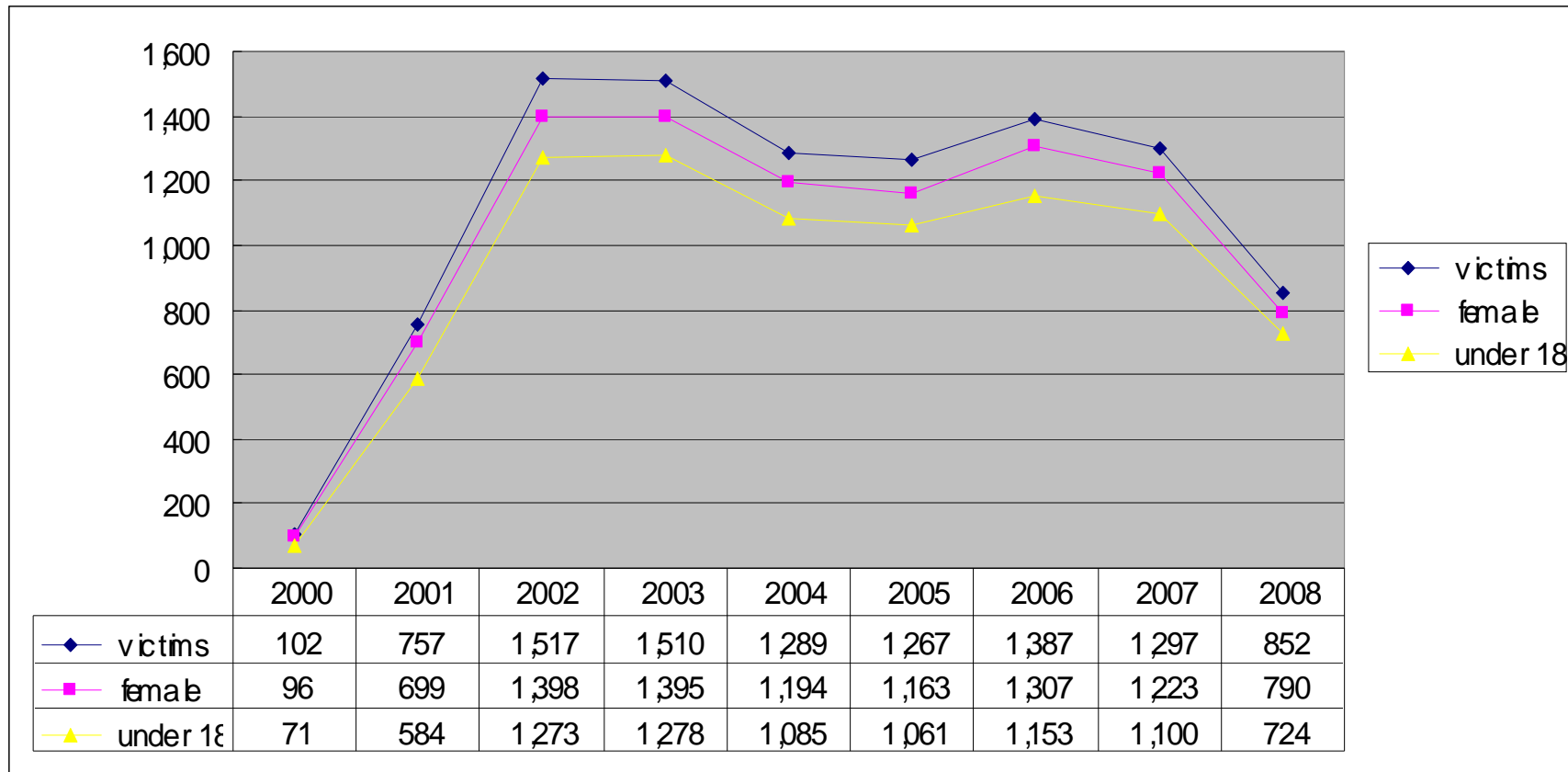
Device for accessing the sites



Device for accessing the sites (2)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
victims	1,289	1,267	1,387	1,297	852
Cell phone	1,239	1,216	1,339	1,256	841
	96.1%	96.0%	96.5%	96.8%	98.7%
PC	50	51	48	41	11

Victims of online dating site-related crimes



Japanese laws and regulations for protecting children from sexual abuse

- Regulations on Conducts
- Regulations of sites
- Laws for usage of devices, including filtering
- Laws for improving awareness

Japanese laws and regulations for protecting children from sexual abuse

- Act on Punishment of Activities Relating to Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, and the Protection of Children
 - Act No. 52 of 1999
 - Last Amendment : Act No. 106 of 2004
 - Prohibiting Child prostitution
 - Prohibiting manufacture and trade of Child pornography
 - <http://saka.jp/sss/2009/06/act-on-punishment-of-activities-relating-to-child-prostitution-and-child-pornography-and-the-protect.html>

Japanese laws and regulations for protecting children from sexual abuse (2)

- Child Welfare Act
 - Law number: Act No. 164 of 1947
 - Last Amendment : Act No. 73 of 2007
 - Cf. Act No.93 of 2008
 - Prohibiting serving sexual entertainment by children
 - http://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/law/detail_main/?printID=&re=01&dn=1&x=46&y=15&co=1&yo=&gn=&sy=&ht=&no=&bu=&ta=&ky=%E5%85%90%E7%AB%A5%E7%A6%8F%E7%A5%89%E6%B3%95&page=1&vm=02&id=11
- Regulations by local governments prohibiting sexual intercourse with children by adults.

Law on Control of Online Dating Site

- Act on Regulation on Soliciting Children by Using Opposite Sex Introducing Service on Internet
- Law number: Act No.83, 2003
- Enacted in 2003 (Revised in 2008)
- Last amendment: Act 52, 2008
- Target:
 - Online Dating Site Providers and Users

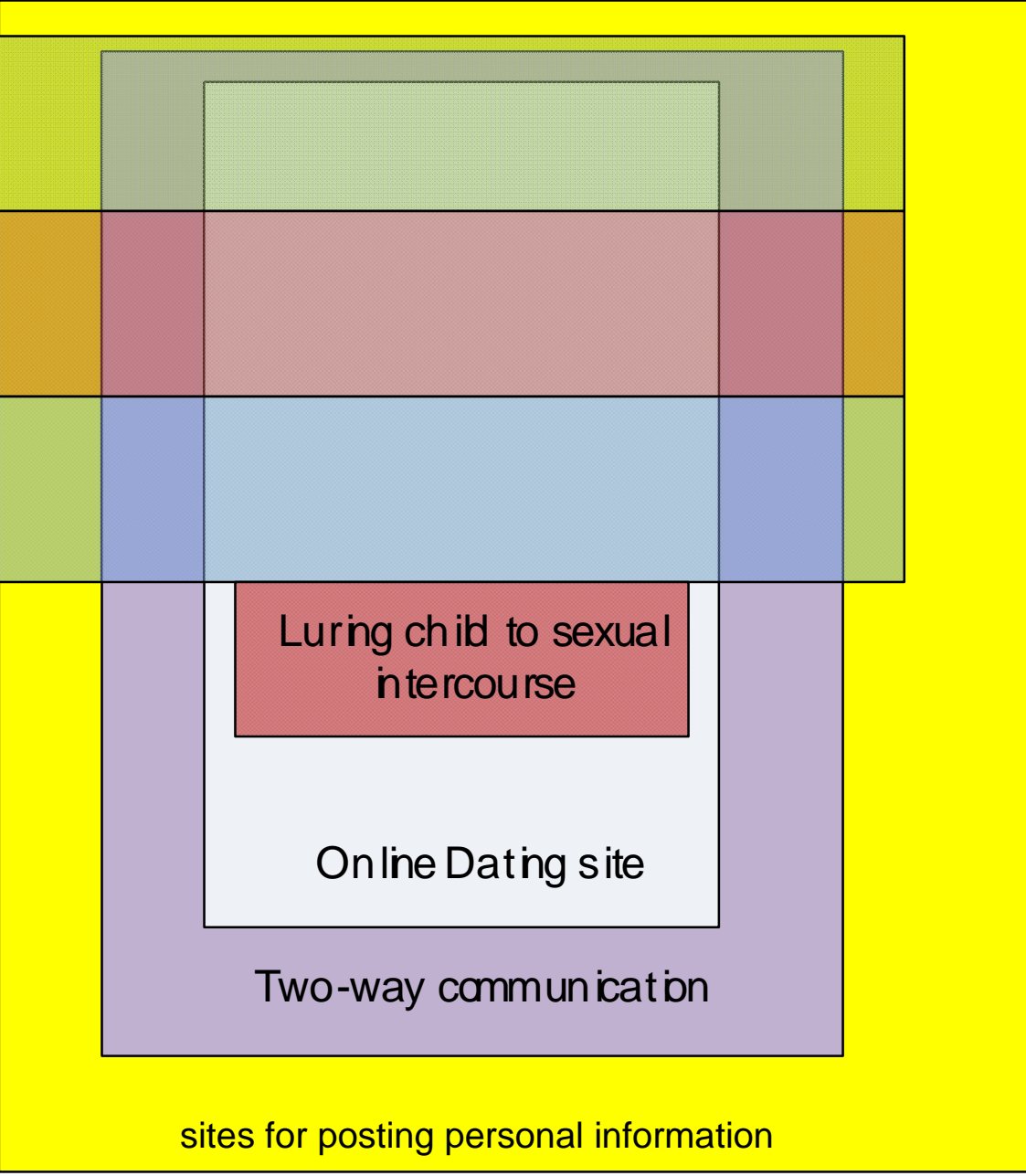
Law on Control of Online Dating Site (2)

- Prohibition of luring children (under 18 years old) to sexual intercourse and sexual activities or, of asking children for a date by offering value

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fine of not more than 1,000,000 yen

Child Pornography
Child Prostitution
Sexual Intercourse



sites for posting personal information

Luring child to sexual intercourse

Online Dating site

Two-way communication

Child Pornography

Child Prostitution

Sexual Intercourse

Law on Control of Online Dating Site (3)

- Online Dating Site Providers must take measures to prevent children from accessing on-line dating site, for the sake of juvenile sound growth.
 - Check users' identification
 - Credit card, Driver's license, certificate from other services
 - Instructions that says "children should not use"
 - Registration as online dating site and follow instructions from Public Safety Commission
 - Site providers should delete posting luring intercourse with child when they notice the posting.

Law on Control of Online Dating Site (4)

- Number of sites 2,527 (Feb, 2009)
- Sites that received Correction order by Police

2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
47	52	53	43	38

The Internet Hotline Center Japan

- From 2006
- To Receive reports relating illegal or harmful information on the internet from the public, through the internet, including information on site or posting which is against the Law on Online Dating Sites.
- To Send information to police and providers for investigation and taking down.
- International Cooperation
- To get information for identifying provider from police to take down harmful information.

Victims through sites not “online dating sites”

- There are various sites which has two-way communication functions.
 - Gaming
 - Recruiting photo models
 - Luring runaway from home
- Also, sites for posting personal information which can be used for accessing children.
- Sexual offences and serious crimes, such as murder using those sites.
- In 2008, 792 victims of children though non-online dating sites, while 724 victims of children through online dating sites.

Act on Improving environment of children relating to Internet

- Law number: Act No.79. 2008
- Promoting of Filtering harmful sites for children
- Improving children's ability to behave adequately to protect themselves in the Internet world
- Caring children by parents and society.

Thank you



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