TASK FORCE TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN TOURISM

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Report on Child Abuse within Educational, Cultural and Language Trips Abroad

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The long arm of British law

Hidden dangers for innocents abroad

Abuse without frontiers

Revealed... risk facing thousands of Euro exchange trip youngsters

A network of abuse
Recent Press Examples

• In Australia, a 16 year-old exchange student “discovered the pinhole camera behind a mirror earlier this month”. The 38 year-old host father, “admitted installing a hidden video camera in a bathroom to spy on a teenage exchange student.” This case, “will now go on to a trial of the facts.” The Advertiser, Perth, Australia

• In Michigan, the 16 year-old exchange student “found a video camera under blankets in her bedroom. Later, she found a smaller video camera hidden in a doll house in her room. The lens looked out an upper window of the doll house.” This 46 year-old Plainwell man “apologized after he admitted he placed the camera there.” The Grand Rapids, US

• “Riverside resident gets five months in the case involving a Danish exchange student.” Press Enterprise Newspaper

• “Veterinarian is charged with sexually abusing boy.” Special to Tribune

• “Former exchange student is awarded $649,000.”

• “Teacher charged with sex abuse of exchange student.” ABC News, Rockville, MD
Welcome to the Child-Safe website

Child Safe is a registered charity whose aims are to provide practical advice, and promote the safety, welfare and pastoral care of children and young people involved in travel, sport or organised groups. This crime reduction initiative is about improving care, reducing opportunities of abuse in its widest sense and helping all those parents, organisers or volunteers who are involved in supporting youngsters in such activities.

Charles Clarke MP, Home Secretary

On Monday 11 October 1999 Charles Clarke presented the opening address at the UK launch of Child-Safe Travel-Safe. Here you can view an extract of his speech.

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How can you help?

We would like to invite you to work in partnership with us to enable the Child-safe scheme to grow and expand.

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About Child-Safe

Child-Safe is a registered charity that was set up by staff of the Avon and Somerset Constabulary. It has continued to grow and expand and has proved to be very successful.

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Welcome to the Child-Safe EVC Site

The UK Presidency of the EU 2005

On 1st July the UK began its Presidency of the European Commission. Through the Governments Global Gateway Initiative launched in December 2004, schools are encouraged to bring an international dimension into education. To find out how your school can make the most of the Presidency and how to develop European and Global school partnerships, visit the Global Gateway website [http://www.globalgateway.org/](http://www.globalgateway.org/).

Conference on Organising Pupil Exchanges - Roles, Responsibilities and Safety

Organised by Tribal Education (Training Solutions)
4 October 2005 Hilton Kensington, London
13 October 2005 Leofric Hotel, Coventry

Target Group: Staff responsible for planning/leading foreign trips and exchanges. To find out more >>>

“We send our children across the world to stay with total strangers, on the assumption that the school and organisers have asked all the right questions and made the necessary checks.” Parent of an 11 year old child.

International School Award The International School Award is an accreditation scheme for curriculum-based international work in schools. The ISA scheme is supported and funded by the DiES. It recognises the work done by teachers and their schools in integrating a global dimension into the learning experiences of students.
THE SCALE OF THE PROBLEM:

• 1998 - 4 million children under 18 entered the UK
• 1 million independent holidays or studies
• Europe annually 4-5 million travel
• Majority without incident
• Scale - 4/5% difficulties

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- 60+ million school children in Europe
- Youth travel represents 20% of tourist market
- 1998, UK student expenditure was estimated at over £1 billion
Houses of Parliament & the European Parliament
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