

Feds Set Sights on Pornhub for Turning 'Blind Eye' to Child Abuse Material on Site

The Federal Trade Commission and Utah have ordered Pornhub's parent company to pay a \$5 million penalty for hosting nonconsensual and child sexual abuse content.

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A stipulated order for permanent injunction was filed last week, demanding Aylo (formerly MindGeek) remove child sexual abuse material (CSAM) and proven nonconsensual content from its sites, implement comprehensive prevention policies to be periodically reviewed by a third party, and bolster privacy and security measures.

The order also includes an additional \$10 million payment to the Utah Division of Consumer Protection. That amount, though, will be suspended if the defendants comply with the mandates of the FTC's order.



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"Pornhub's operators turned a blind eye to the proliferation of videos depicting the sexual abuse of children on its sites so it could profit off this exploitation," Christopher Mufarrige, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection, said in a statement. "Under the order we're announcing today, Pornhub's operators will be required to take concrete steps to block this harmful content and ensure that those who appear in videos on their sites are consenting adults."

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Several groups have praised the FTC's order, including the anti-trafficking organization Exodus Cry and the National Center on Sexual Exploitation.

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"This settlement mandates massive reforms and we're here for it," Exodus Cry stated in part.

NCOSE called the FTC ruling "a victory for all of us."

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