

To discuss how computer monitoring could help you manage the activity of sex offenders in your force area, simply get in touch.

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**The Lucy Faithfull Foundation**

The Lucy Faithfull Foundation is working in partnership with Securus as part of its remit to advise and consult with professional groups involved in preventing and responding to child sexual abuse.

It is particularly concerned with improving risk assessment, treatment provision and public education. Registered charity: 1013025

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**About Securus Software**

Securus has been developing e-safety software since 2003. It works primarily with schools and local authorities in the education sector and protects more than 1000 schools in the UK.

It also works with other groups responsible for child protection, such as Children's Services departments and police forces.

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**SECURUS**  
E-safety software

**Managing the online activity  
of sex offenders**

As some police forces have started to recognise, new technologies can play an important role in the management and control of sex offenders and their actions online.

One of the most effective methods is to monitor the home computer of each offender for any inappropriate behaviour. Securus is a monitoring system that identifies any text used by an offender that might indicate a child protection issue or cause for concern.

Evidence of every incident is captured as a screenshot, showing exactly what took place and alerting risk management staff to the situation. Following a review of the evidence, appropriate intervention can take place.

**Working with the Lucy Faithfull Foundation, Securus is enabling police forces to better manage how offenders act online.**



## Key features of computer monitoring

### Comprehensive protection

- Our software detects the use of inappropriate language in virtually any online or offline application including:  
social networking sites, chat rooms, peer-to-peer software (used to swap explicit images), interactive video games, websites, email, instant messaging and most documents (such as Word or pdf files).

### Effective enforcement

- Screenshot evidence is triggered when an unacceptable word or phrase is brought up on screen. By detecting content before it is saved or deleted, it makes it impossible for sexual predators to cover their tracks.

### Acts as a deterrent

- Because offenders know that any inappropriate or illegal behaviour will be detected, it provides a powerful incentive for offenders to use access to the internet responsibly and helps reduce the likelihood of reoffending.

### Text and image recognition

- While pre-defined libraries are provided for keywords and phrases most frequently associated with 'grooming', Securus allows you to add extra words and create different levels of severity to meet specific local requirements.
- Securus can also detect explicit images by scanning the tone, shape and composition of an image to rate how closely it resembles inappropriate content.

### Totally secure

- Securus uses its own server and proprietary operating system. This means captured violations cannot be altered or deleted, making it suitable for use as evidence in court action.

### A network solution

- Securus is a network solution that is configured and ready to go on its own server. No additional software, licences or hardware are required.

This means it can be easily implemented across an entire force area, making it highly affordable.



## Surrey Police in trial with Securus

During 2008, Surrey Police in conjunction with the Lucy Faithfull Foundation has been conducting a pilot project of Securus. The project aims to assess whether computer monitoring is an effective method in controlling the activity of convicted sex offenders.

In total, 12 offenders have been involved with the project. Securus has been installed onto each of their home computers and these are connected to a central server being hosted remotely and securely by Securus.

To receive a copy of the final report on its completion, email

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Securus captures any issues or causes for concern in the form of a screenshot. These violations are reviewed in confidence by risk assessment officers at Surrey Police.



The initial feedback regarding the project has been overwhelmingly positive, both from the perspective of the users who are being monitored as well as the risk assessment staff involved.

The results of this project are due to be published in November 2008.

## Monitoring and filtering in one package

### Integration with filtering software

- Monitoring software works in a different way from filtering or parental control software. While Securus analyses words and images that appear on the user's screen (whether generated by the user or downloaded from outside), filtering software blocks access to pre-defined websites or types of sites.

To achieve a comprehensive e-safety package, Securus is available with additional advanced filtering software to manage internet use further.