

The mission of Linha Alerta is to block illegal content on the Internet and prosecute their disseminators in an effective way. These objectives may be achieved by providing the Portuguese law enforcement agencies with collected information in order to facilitate the elimination of the illegal content and the identification of those responsible for these materials and by means of collaboration with national Internet Service Providers and international counterparts in the fight against illegal contents.

In order to carry out this core activity Linha Alerta has a website – linhaalerta.internetsegura.pt – where one can send complaints, which may be anonymous. This service is provided in Portuguese and English. The staff are bound by professional secrecy. Linha Alerta will address the following illegal contents:

- Child abuse images;
- Incitement to violence content; and
- Incitement to racial hatred content.

The scope of Linha Alerta may be subject to further revisions according to the experience gained with this first stage of operation and the legal framework developments in Portugal.