



Anti-Abuse Quarterly Report

Q2 2026

How our IWF membership disrupts CSAM

XYZ Registry remains committed to combating DNS abuse and supporting efforts to promote a safer internet. The vast majority of domains across .xyz and our other domain extensions support legitimate businesses, communities, and ideas. We work with industry partners to address the relatively small number used for illegal and otherwise abusive activity.

Combating online child sexual abuse material (CSAM) requires collaboration across the internet community. Organizations that identify and assess CSAM play an important role in sharing actionable intelligence and enabling internet stakeholders to respond effectively.

This quarter, we are highlighting the impact of our partnership with the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF), an organization that works to eliminate child sexual abuse material online. The IWF identifies and assesses CSAM, and as a member, XYZ Registry helps fund that work and acts on the reports the IWF sends us.

XYZ Registry has been a member of the IWF since 2021. The IWF reports abuse at the URL level, so a single domain hosting child sexual abuse material can generate thousands of separate reports. In one recent case, approximately 8,000 URLs traced back to one domain. XYZ Registry suspended that domain and cut off access to all URLs in a single enforcement action. A small number of domains can account for a large volume of reported abuse, and suspending the domain resolves every URL beneath it at once.

This kind of protection is becoming more widely available. In 2024, Public Interest Registry, the nonprofit operator of .org, began sponsoring free access to key IWF services for other registries, and that access has since expanded to registrars. The services include real-time alerts that flag abuse so operators can act quickly. XYZ Registry funds its own IWF membership. We encourage other registries, registrars, and hosting providers to take advantage of programs like this one. The more operators acting on these reports, the harder it becomes for abuse to move from one domain to the next.



<https://www.iwf.org.uk/membership/iwf-domain-services/>

> Complaints Resolved

The XYZ Anti-Abuse Team promptly addresses complaints from individuals via email and by ticket at gen.xyz/abuse.

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DNS ABUSE TYPE	# TICKETS
Spam	6
Phishing	1,936
Malware	80
DDOS/Botnets	5
Other	532

The XYZ Anti-Abuse Quarterly report highlights just some of the actions that the XYZ Anti-Abuse Team has taken in the quarter to proactively address abuse. Visit xyz.xyz/anti-abuse to see report archives and read more about how [XYZ Registry](#) goes above and beyond to protect the Internet.

> New Anti-Abuse Partnerships

The XYZ Anti-Abuse Team has developed strong partnerships with many of the industry's leading cybersecurity data providers to help identify and eliminate bad actors.

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DNS ABUSE TYPE	# NEW CONTRIBUTORS
Phishing	1
All/Other	2

> **Collaborations with registrar partners**

XYZ delivers comprehensive daily domain suspension reports to our registrar partners.

TIME PERIOD	# NOTICES	AVG PER DAY
Q2 2026	2,238	24.9
April 2026	722	24.1
May 2026	769	25.7
June 2026	720	24.0

> **DGA Threat Investigations**

The Anti-Abuse Team additionally flags suspicious registrations for review, such as a large number of new domains created in a short period of time. XYZ's enhanced initiatives target abuse at its source by addressing the actions of bad actors or registrants.

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TIME PERIOD	# INVESTIGATIONS
Q2 2026	13

➤ Domains investigated by XYZ's Anti-Abuse team

XYZ monitors abuse through our proprietary in-house system. The Anti-Abuse Team suspends domains that are engaging in any activities in violation of the [XYZ Acceptable Use & Anti-Abuse policies](#).

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TLD	# DOMAINS INVESTIGATED
.autos	22,911
.baby	622
.beauty	375
.boats	1,971
.ceo	280
.christmas	751
.college	25
.game	6
.hair	786
.homes	2,619
.lat	11,284
.lol	9,149

TLD	# DOMAINS INVESTIGATED
.makeup	267
.mom	4,026
.monster	519
.motorcycles	2,568
.pics	2,077
.protection	1
.quest	916
.rent	36
.skin	997
.xyz	57,606
.yachts	612

> **Law enforcement & court orders**

Collaboration with legal entities is a crucial aspect of XYZ's Anti-Abuse operations. This section outlines requests by various law enforcement agencies like the IRS, FBI, and the police. Additionally, it includes WHOIS requests and court orders.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT/ COURT ORDERS	
IRS	5
Police	1
FBI	1
Domain Transfer Orders	3
WHOIS requests	0
DHS	0

> **Unsuspension requests**

When websites have been compromised, the XYZ Anti-Abuse Team promptly responds by suspending the affected domains to mitigate any potential risks. This immediate action is not only crucial for security but has also earned appreciation from users, as it directly aids in safeguarding their customers from being infected by their hacked website. While XYZ acts decisively against potential abuses, the Anti-Abuse Team also recognizes the importance of rectifications. This data presents the total number of unsuspension requests this quarter.

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UNSUSPENSION REQUESTS	
Total # of requests	1,030

> IWF Data

IWF (**Internet Watch Foundation**) is an organization that combats online child sexual exploitation content and other malicious web activities.

In our mission to make the internet safer, XYZ is a member of the IWF. Together, we're actively identifying and addressing URLs and domains that may host harmful content.

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IWF	
Domains	19
URLs	44

➤ XYZ Registry's Anti-Abuse Program

ABOUT

XYZ has developed a sophisticated abuse monitoring process used to proactively monitor, detect in near real time, and suspend domains in its zones engaging in any activities in violation of the XYZ Anti-Abuse policies. The Registry has developed strong partnerships with many of the industry's leading data providers to help identify and eliminate the bad actors from the many quality users in the .xyz namespace.

Making it easy to report abuse

XYZ is highly active in online communities to monitor for reports of abuse and build trust. To report a XYZ Registry domain for abuse, anyone can open a support ticket at <https://gen.xyz/abuse>.

Support Teams can rely on the XYZ Anti-Abuse Team

Once XYZ has suspended an abusive domain, the sponsoring registrar is notified. These domains are usually shut down in a very short period of time to prevent any harm to internet users.

Registrants that have domains suspended by the XYZ Registry can communicate directly with the Anti-Abuse Team by submitting a request at <https://gen.xyz/unsuspend>. Coordinate support efforts with the XYZ Anti-Abuse Team by reaching out to xyz_abuse@gen.xyz.

Anti-Abuse in the Press

XYZ Registry's no-tolerance policy for abuse in our zones is recognized by Spamhaus, a leading authority on IP and domain reputation data. Spamhaus published a series of collaborative articles with XYZ regarding domain abuse: <https://www.spamhaus.com/resource-center/getting-the-low-down-from-xyz-registry-on-combating-domain-abuse/>

XYZ is partnered with many organizations to combat abuse, such as:



DNS Abuse Framework

