

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

MARCH - DIGITAL SAFETY

SENDING NUDES

'Sending nudes' specifically refers to the act of sending naked photos of yourself to someone else, but is used more broadly to mean sending photos of yourself which are sexually explicit including 'semi-nudes' or topless shots. Like with sexting, it can be a way of people flirting and engaging sexually with people digitally, whether or not they intend to be physically sexual with that person.

If you are under 18, any nudes or sexually explicit images you take of yourself will be considered Youth Produced Sexual Imagery (YPSI) and sharing them is illegal. This is the case even if it is with someone you are in a relationship with, you are having sex with and/or they are the same age as you.

TIPS AND ADVICE



Can you be sure that the person you are sending photos to won't show their friends or post them publicly online?
Could you be putting yourself at risk of blackmail or bullying?
Is the phone being used by the person you're sexting 100% secure at all times or is there a chance that someone else might unlock their phone and find your messages? Could someone see an image on their phone over their shoulder?

THE RISKS

It's important to know that once you send or upload an image or video, you lose all control over it. Everything you share could be sent to someone else or posted online and potentially seen by anyone, including your friends, family and total strangers. People can take screenshots and capture your image on their phone, even if you send a photo with a time limit. Those messages, images or video could potentially exist forever and could resurface when you least expect it.

THE LAW

It is illegal to send naked images or videos of, or to, people under 18. This means that, if you are under 18, you should not be sending or receiving sexually explicit images even if you are in a sexual relationship with the other person/people. If you are over 18, it is illegal for you to receive sexually explicit photos of someone who is under 18.

Intimate Image Abuse (previously known as revenge porn)
Intimate image abuse (also known as 'revenge porn') is when someone takes or shares an intimate image of someone else, with the intention to humiliate, intimidate, alarm or distress the person. It is never okay to do this, and is a violation of someone's consent.



CONSENT

You should never be pressured into doing or sending something you don't want to, and this includes sexting or sending nudes. You should also never pressure someone into sending you sexual messages, or send them sexual messages without their consent. **Cyber flashing** is sending someone nudes without their consent.

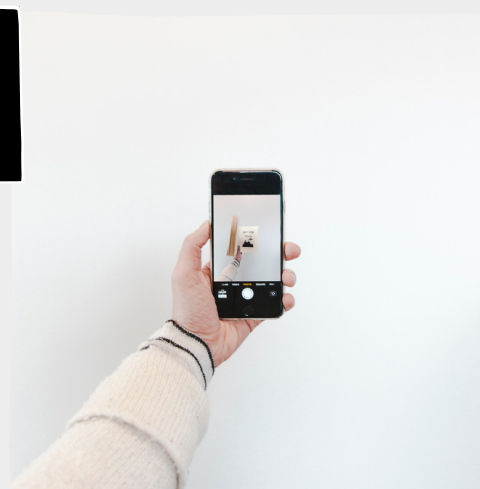
HELPFUL WEBSITES

[Revenge porn helpline](#)

[CEOP](#)

[Childline](#)

[Removing Nudes shared online](#)



If you have any concerns for your safety, or the safety of others, Want to discuss any issues or want to Seek advice and guidance to keep yourself safe You can speak to your tutor or the safeguarding team in college. Email safeguarding@mbro.ac.uk Text SAFE to 60081 or drop into the wellbeing centre.

To report a non-emergency to police please call 101.

If you, or anyone else, is in immediate danger please call 999.