

Session Three

Sharing sexual images



Learning objectives and outcomes

Objective

To learn:

- the risks associated with sharing sexual images
- ways to manage pressure to share sexual images

Learning outcomes

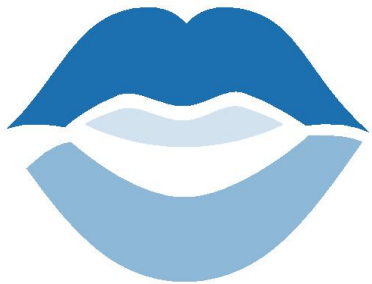
Students will be able to:

- describe some of the risks in relation to sharing sexual images
- explain the implications, including legal implications, of sending or forwarding sexual images
- explain how and from where to get help if someone I know is being pressured to send or share inappropriate images

Starter activity

Brainstorm in pairs/groups:

- Give one key message from either of the previous sessions.
- Class list of the features of a healthy relationship.
- Brainstorm the term 'nude selfie'. Include all words and phrases that might be associated.



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After viewing the film, discuss:

- what are your initial thoughts?
- what do you think about the way the characters (puppet) in the film behave?
- what do you think about the person asking for the pictures?

Why do people send 'nudes'?

Fill in the speech bubbles with reasons why people might send a naked photo of themselves to someone else.

Why might someone ask someone else to send them a naked photo?

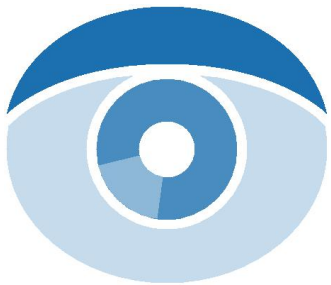


The impacts of sending 'nudes'

If a person sends naked or sexual photos or videos of themselves to someone else, they lose control over what happens to those images

Make two lists:

- The risks someone takes when they send a naked photo
- What the consequences might be



Some implications for the person sending nudes...

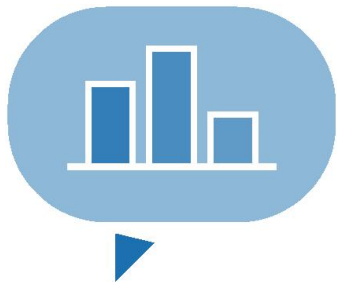
- Legal consequences: sending or sharing explicit images could be breaking the law. If you are under 18 and you send, upload or forward indecent images or videos on to your friends or partner, this would be breaking the law, even if they are photos of you.
- Another person could share the photo with other people, or post it online, which means anyone could see it, (e.g. family, friends, teachers, even future employers).
- In extreme cases, it could be used to blackmail the sender into sending more photos or videos.
- If the relationship ends, the images could be shared as a way to humiliate the former partner ('revenge porn').
- It could lead to a range of other consequences, including bullying or unwanted attention from others.

... and some for the person asking for nudes

- If someone pressurizes another person to send them sexually explicit or nude pictures, this is abusive and not normal or acceptable..
- If someone has any indecent images or videos of somebody who is under the age of 18 they would technically be in possession of an indecent image of a child, even if they are the same age. This is in an offence under the Protection of Children Act 1978 and the criminal Justice ACT 1988.
- Pressurising someone for nudes can make them feel uncomfortable or manipulated and could lead to them losing confidence in relationships, or experiencing other relationship difficulties in the future.

Sharing scenarios I

- Read the scenario your group has been given.
- Around the outside, write any reactions to it.
- Around the outside, write your group's responses to these questions:
 1. Is the scenario consensual at any point? If so, when?
 2. Did the scenario change to become non-consensual? If so, when?
 3. Is the scenario illegal?



Sharing scenarios II

Is the scenario consensual at any point? If so, when?

Scenario 1

the couple may have sent explicit images to one other consensually during their relationship (although if they are under 18 this may still be a criminal offence).

Scenario 2

not consensual at any point because one of the young people is drunk to the point of passing out.

Scenario 3

someone posting a photo of themselves in their underwear may be a free choice or it may have been done under pressure or manipulation. We do not know whether posting it was a consensual act.

Sharing scenarios III

Did the scenario change to become non-consensual? If so, when?

Scenario 1

becomes non-consensual when the images are shared as revenge without the subject's permission.

Scenario 2

the pictures are both taken and shared without the subject's permission.

Scenario 3

the printing and sharing of the photo with abusive language is not consensual.

Sharing scenarios IV

Is the scenario illegal?

Scenario 1

Scenario 2

Scenario 3

In all scenarios, taking and sharing of the photos is illegal, even if it's a selfie. Sharing indecent images of children under 18 is illegal, and offers grounds for prosecution under various laws including: the Sexual Offences Act (2003), Malicious Communications Act (1988), Obscene Publications Act (1959) and Protection of Children Act (1978). If the victim is under 18, the perpetrator could be added to the Sex Offenders' Register.

Sharing scenarios: what could they do?

What could the subject in each scenario do next? Try and come up with 5 suggestions:

- Give a killer comeback! (download Childline's ZIPIT app to find out more).
- Tell a trusted adult (e.g. relative, teacher, school nurse etc.)
- Speak to a helpline such as Childline or CEOP
- Speak to the police, call 999

Extra tip!

If you receive a nude you didn't ask for, delete it immediately. It's illegal to possess nude pictures of someone under 18.

If they're over 18 and you're not, they could face legal action.



Managing requests for an explicit image

Remember: it's the person who shares an explicit image who is in the wrong, but that it is important to know what to do if this happens.

Look at the online problem page your group has been given. Write an email response to the sender. Make sure you include information about:

- *the consequences of sending the image*
- *anything else they could say or do*
- *how they could respond in a way that keeps them safe*
- *where else they could look for help*

Plenary and reflection on the learning

Remember:

- it is abusive behaviour to pressure someone into sending naked photos of themselves
- sharing sexual images of another person is a violation of privacy and could also be a criminal offence
- abusive behaviour can take place online or offline

- Do you feel differently about anything as a result of what you have seen and heard in this session?
- Has anything surprised or shocked you?
- Share one thing you have learned in today's session that you didn't know before.
- Can you:
 - describe the risks of sharing sexually explicit images of themselves or others?
 - explain the implications, including legal implications, of sending or forwarding sexual images?
 - explain where and how to get help if someone is experiencing abuse, including being pressurised to send or share inappropriate images?