Sharing nudes

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What is sharing a nude?

- Sharing Nudes (sexting) is when you send a sexual message, photo or video to someone else. It could be a picture of you, but sometimes people send pictures and videos of other people.
- Messages could be to a friend, boyfriend, girlfriend or someone online.

Includes:

- being partly or completely naked, or in your underwear
- posing in a sexual position
- sending 'nudes'
- talking about sexual things
- doing sexual things on a live stream

Is it legal?

- When you're under 18 it's against the law to send nudes or sexual videos of you to anyone else. It's also against the law for anyone to save or share a nude or sexual video of you. Even if it's a selfie or they're under 18 too.

- Only the police can decide if they're going to charge you with an offence after sharing nudes. But it's important to remember that the law is there to protect you, not get you into trouble.

- **Sharing other people's nudes - s**haring someone else's nudes or sexual videos without their consent is against the law, even when they're over 18. It can also be against the law to threaten to share someone's nudes or videos.

What are the risks?

- Losing control of the image/video

- Blackmailing or bullying

- Being involved with sharing nudes of others

- Experiencing online sexual harassment

What to do if you have shared a nude

- Ask for the message to be deleted

- Do not reply to threats

- Talk to someone who can trust

- Use Report Remove to get it removed from the internet: Report Remove | Childline

- Report what has happened? CEOP Safety Centre

- Social media sites can help you if you are being bullied or coerced into sharing a nude: Sexting and sending nudes | Childline

Online Sexual Coercion and Extortion of Children

What is it?

- Blackmailing of young people who have shared a nude/semi nude photo or video online – often with someone they believe is a similar age.

- The most common means of communication is through social media, chat apps and webcam.

- The main aims of the perpetrator (person blackmailing) is:
  - To get more photos and videos (often more explicit) or to meet the young person
  - To obtain money from the child or their family

Case Study

- Daniel Perry from Scotland.

- He started having online conversations with someone he believed to be a girl around his own age from the USA.

- This person tricked Daniel into making sexually explicit webcam recordings.

- These images were then used for blackmail. He received a message saying these images or videos would be made public and shared with friends and family if he didn't pay money into an account.

- He was warned that he would be better off dead if he did not transfer the cash.

- After investigation he was found he had been targeted by a group operating from the Philippines.

How to stay safer online

- Do not befriend strangers online. Think about who you are talking to

- Check privacy settings on apps

- Cover your webcam or disable it – some viruses will let someone access your webcam without you knowing

- Do not share person information – where you live, family – check what people can see

- Seek help from a trusted adult if you are worried about anything you have been sent

- Get advice on how to stay safe – NSPCC, Childline

- School website - Avonbourne Girls Academy > Students and Parents > Safeguarding for students

How to report concerns

- Speak to a trusted adult – teacher, pastoral lead, learning coach

- Speak to family member

- Speak anonymously to ChildLine if you are worried and want support before speaking to an adult:

  - childline.org.uk

  - 0800 1111

- Make a report to CEOP (child exploitation and online protection)
  https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/

- Contact Dorset police 101 or 999 if support is needed right away

The law says that creating or sharing sexual images or videos of a child under 18 is illegal, even if the person sharing is a child. However, young people who report online blackmail are victims, they will not face police action for sharing a video/photo.