# Sexting

### What Is Sexting?



Sexting involves sending nude or semi-nude photos and explicit videos of yourself or other people.

'Images' can be drawings, cartoons and computer-generated pictures.

Sexting can happen via messaging on mobile phones or via other messaging services and direct messaging on social media.

This also applies if someone threatens to share an image.

If you are under 18 is it illegal to send a naked image of yourself via social media or text message?



If you send someone a naked picture that they don't want to receive have you committed a crime?



You could be prosecuted if you send an image of yourself involved in a sexual act if you are under 18?



If you receive a naked picture of someone under the age of 18 and keep it on your phone you are breaking the law?



### **Text Scenario**

Hi x How are you? x I'm good thanks. I like your profile picture x Send me a nice picture of yourself? x I bet you do, send me one of yourself now x

#### **Text Scenario**

That's OK you don't need to be wearing any clothes x

What do you mean?

Send me a pic of your boobs? x

No

Go on, it will be fine x

I'm scared x

It's ok, I won't show anyone, it's just for me

I won't tell anyone, it will be private between us x

#### **Text Scenario**

I'm not sure x

I thought you liked hanging around with my group at school? x

I do x

Well send me a pic then, it will be nice to see your boobs x

**IMAGE SENT** 

You're amazing x

Keep it to yourself

I will, don't worry, you can trust me



https://youtu.be/MoRtLk1xihY

### **Discussions**

#### Katie & Dan

- -Do you think Katie felt forced to send a picture?
- -Why did Dan ask for the photo?
- -Did anyone give consent for their image to be shared?
- -How do you think Katie felt?
- -How do you think Dan felt?
- -Did their feelings change?
- -Have any criminal offences been committed? By who?

## In Summary

#### It is illegal to:

Send an indecent picture of anyone under 18 (yourself) to anyone.

Distribute indecent images.

Possess indecent images of someone under 18?

# Before you hit send, pause and take a moment to think...

Is it legal?
Is it acceptable?
Will may happen if it gets shared?
What impact could it have on them ... and me?

Protect yourself and others.