

Social Media

Using social media information

Nude for Nude

You are breaking the law by taking/sending/receiving and forwarding any indecent photographs or pseudo-photographs and open to being arrested (a pseudo-photo is an image made by computer graphics) **This relates to anyone who is under 18.**

Section 1 Protection of Children Act 1978

It is not the policy of police to criminalise young people and it is felt that education is a better approach, however where an adult is exploiting a child or the incidents are malicious or repeated, the law is used to its full extent.

Once you upload, you can't undo

Sexting, cybersex or sending a nudie can sound exciting and fun. It can feel really private too.

Sexting is never private. All images can be saved and once a photo is shared online, you have lost all control of it and it will be virtually impossible for you to undo, even if you change your mind and delete the photo you uploaded, other people may have already shared or copied the image.

This puts you at risk of abuse or exploitation by people you know and trust or by complete strangers.

What is Sexting, Instagram and Snapchat?

Sexting usually refers to sending and receiving rude messages or videos of:

- Naked pictures
- Underwear shots
- Any sexual texts,

images or videos

These images or videos can be sent from a boyfriend or girlfriend or a friend or someone you've met online. You also may have sent a sexual photo, video or text to someone else.

Remember:

There is no turning back once you press send.

Even if you use apps like Snapchat the person can take a screen shot

You risk being seen as someone you are not.

Instagram is a picture and video sharing app.

Users can post content and use hashtags (#) to share experiences, thoughts or memories with an online community.

You can follow your friends, family, celebrities and even companies on Instagram

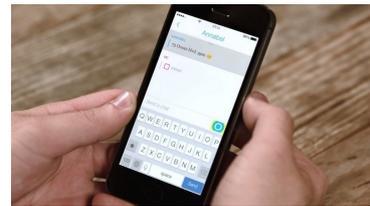
The law – Instagram has been associated with some bullying and this should be

reported as it may fall under harassment legislation. Indecent images are also against the law and should not be sent. If received it should also be **reported** immediately.

Snapchat – Snapchat is an app that lets you send a photo or short video to your friends. The 'snap'

appears on screen for a matter of seconds before disappearing. There's also a feature called Snapchat Story that lets you share lots of snaps in a sequence for up to 24 hours

To be aware: whilst the photo may disappear from the phone, this does not stop it being saved by screen



shot. Most kids know how to do this. Now, the picture is no longer temporary and is saved. This means it can be shared (Snapchat say that you will be advised of a screenshot at the other end, but there are now apps you can get to do this undetected).

Know who your friends are

Many young people do not see a problem with sexting and it is becoming normal behaviour for teenagers to share indecent images or content.

Receiving, sending or sharing indecent images of anyone who is under 18—or keeping an image someone

sends you is a serious crime. This is the case even if the person sharing the image with you is happy to do so or you are happy to send nude selfies to someone else.



If you don't want the world

to see a photo—don't send it. If something goes wrong don't suffer in silence, tell a friend, talk to a teacher or trusted adult or contact ChildLine on 0800 1111 or ring the police on 101

For further advice go to: <http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/online-safety>

This link has a reporting option: <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Contact-Us/>