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Sexual images & the law





True or false:

Taking, possessing or sharing intimate images of someone under the age of 18 is illegal.

True!

When minors are involved in sexting, the Child Trafficking and Pornography Act 1998 comes into effect, provided the content shared is sexually explicit and meets the definition of child pornography.

There will also be breaches of the Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020 if the images meet the definition of “intimate image” under the Act and if the images have been taken, distributed or published without their consent.

If you are under 18 it is illegal to:

Send sexually explicit images, videos or text of yourself.

Receive sexually explicit images, videos or text of someone.

Share sexual images, videos or text of someone under 18.

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Why?

If you are under 18 it is illegal to:

Send sexually explicit images, videos or text of yourself



Produced and distributed child pornography

Receive sexually explicit images, videos or text of someone



In possession of child pornography

Share sexual images, videos or text of someone under 18



Distributed child pornography



True or false:

Taking, possessing or sharing intimate images of someone over the age of 18 without their consent is illegal

True!

The Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020 has been introduced to specifically criminalise image based sexual abuse (IBSA).

If the pictures are taken, distributed or published without consent, an offence will have been committed and conviction can lead to imprisonment.



'No Excuses' Intimate Images Awareness Campaign (Full Advert)



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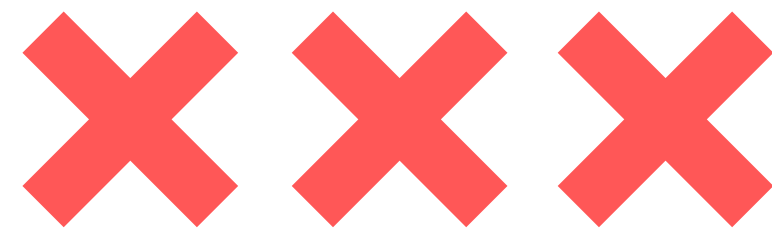


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It felt good to show her up.

The Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020 is sometimes known as Coco's law.

What is it?



**Take a look at the Coco's
Law infographic by Webwise
and discuss.**



So... is consensual sharing of sexual images always safe and healthy?

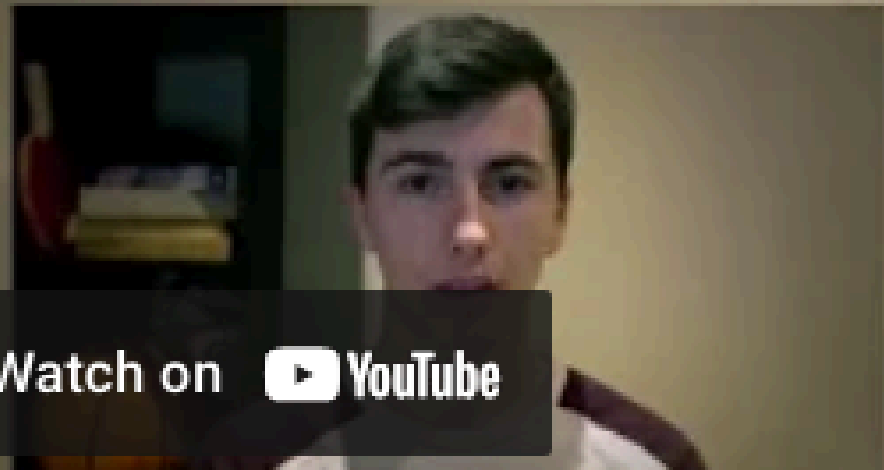





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