

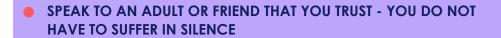
ONLINE SEXUAL HARASSMENT:

GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS





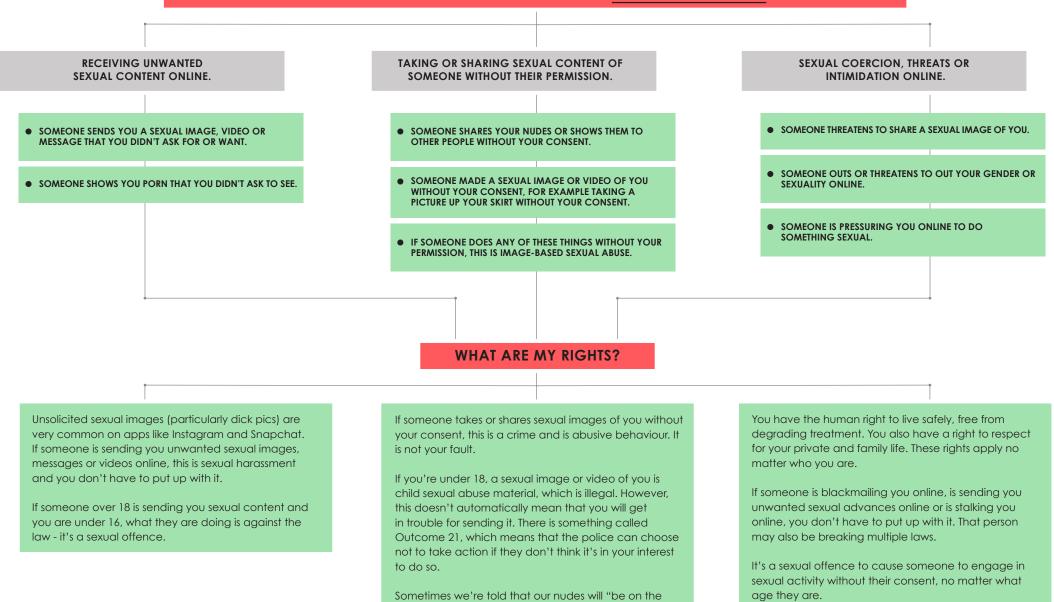




 SPEAK TO SOMEONE ANONYMOUSLY VIA ONE OF THE HELPLINES BELOW

• CHECK OUT THE GRAPHIC BELOW FOR MORE OPTIONS AND BYSTANDER BEST-PRACTICE

ONLINE SEXUAL HARASSMENT FALLS INTO 3 MAIN CATEGORIES.



internet for the rest of our life", but this isn't the case. Since it is considered child sexual abuse material, there are several organisations which work to get these images taken down. (Read on for more.)

WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?

1. REPORT OR BLOCK VIA THE APP

Apps have built-in reporting tools. You can use these to block or report the user, message or image to the social media platform - see how here. You could also mute someone if the app allows you to, and check your privacy settings to change who can see and contact you. For information on how to report to an app, you can visit Report Harmful Content via this link. If you select the relevant platform, click on the option that says you haven't reported it yet, and then they will provide you with instructions.

A NOTE ON REPORTING TO APPS:

Apps can be quite slow to remove content or users. The key is mass reporting - if you can, get all of your friends to report the post or user. The more reports the app gets, the more likely they are to remove the image or deactivate the account.

2. REPORT TO AN E-SAFETY PLATFORM

There are 3 main e-safety sites dedicated to keeping young people safe online. If you start reporting to one and it turns out they are not best-placed to help you, don't worry - they will just redirect you to one of the other two.

INTERNET WATCH FOUNDATION

- You can report:
- Sexual images of children online

To the Internet Watch Foundation using <u>this link</u>. The IWF removes the images from the internet, and can also stop them from being re-uploaded.

PLEASE NOTE:

- The IWF may not be able to help if your nudes are being shared through an app or privately. For example, if they are being shared via Snapchat, Whatsapp or someone has them stored on their personal device.
- If you wanted to report nudes shared on Instagram to the IWF, you may need to use the desktop version when you report.
- If the IWF cannot help with your situation, they will redirect you to CEOP.

You can report:

• Online sexual abuse and grooming

To CEOP using this link. The reporting tool is very easy to use.

CEOP (CHILD EXPLOITATION AND

ONLINE PROTECTION COMMAND)

Once you leave your details, a Child Protection Advisor will work with you to make a plan to keep you safe.

Visit their website to find out more about the process.

You can report:

REPORT HARMFUL CONTENT

- Threats
- Bullying and harassment
- Pornographic content
- Unwanted sexual advances

To Report Harmful Content via <u>this link</u>. The page also contains advice, including how to report to different apps.

3. REPORT OFFLINE

- If you experience anything online that makes you feel uncomfortable, angry, upset, weird - speak to someone that you trust. It is not your fault and you do not have to suffer in silence.
- Under 18s can phone **Childline** for free from any phone on **0800 11 11**.
- If you think someone has committed a crime, and you felt safe and able to do so, you could report it to the police. If it's a non-emergency, you can call **101** to speak to your local police. If it's an emergency phone **999**.

IF WE SEE OR HEAR SOMEONE EXPERIENCING ONLINE HARASSMENT, THERE ARE STEPS WE CAN TAKE AS A BYSTANDER TO HELP PREVENT FURTHER SUFFERING TO THE VICTIM:

- 1. If anyone tries to show you a nude of someone else, remember that you don't have to look at it or share it with others
- 2. If someone is harassing another person online, don't join in with the harassment, or like offensive comments or posts
- **3.** If it's helpful to the victim, report any images, comments or the user who is doing the harassment
- **4.** If someone tells you they are experiencing online sexual harassment, believe them and take it seriously
- 5. Don't slut-shame or victim-blame someone who experiences online sexual harassment tell them it's not their fault
- 6. If you can, and it is safe for you and the victim, call out people who are harassing others online. Tell them that what they are doing is harassment, and it's not okay.

IF YOU DECIDE TO TELL SOMEONE AT SCHOOL THAT YOU'VE EXPERIENCED ONLINE SEXUAL HARASSMENT:

- You can request that staff do not see the image, film or message
- Staff will always follow safeguarding procedures designed to protect your safety and right to privacy
- You have the right to an input over how incidents of online sexual harassment are managed if you are the victim
- Even if an incident takes place outside of school a pupil who commits online sexual harassment could still face consequences in school.

IF YOU'RE OVER 18 AND SOMEONE SHARES YOUR NUDES WITHOUT YOUR CONSENT:

You can contact the <u>Revenge Porn Helpline</u>. It is still image-based sexual abuse and illegal.

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