

What is Intimate Image Abuse?



Intimate image abuse is when someone takes or shares private sexual photos or videos of you, or threatens to, without **consent**.

Consent is being asked if you agree to something. This means saying yes or no.



Intimate means personal and private.



It is against the law to share, or threaten to share, private sexual photos or videos without **consent**.



Recording a sexual video without consent is called **voyeurism**.

It is also against the law.



Sometimes old partners do this **crime**, but not always. They can be done by anyone.



Crimes are things that are against the law.



You do not have to be in a relationship with someone who does this.

It is still intimate image abuse.



Anyone can be a victim of this no matter what their gender, sexuality or age is.



Sometimes the photos or videos are shared as a way of getting back at someone. This can be to:

- embarrass the person
- make the person feel ashamed
- cause distress to the person

These photos or videos are usually shared:



- in person
- by text, e-mail, private messages and group chats
- on social media
- porn websites