

Information You Should Know Before Sharing or Receiving Personal Photographs...

Did you know?

If you take, make, share or possess indecent images and pseudo photographs of people under the age of 18, this is **illegal?**

A pseudo photograph is an image made by computer graphics or otherwise which appears to be a photograph. This can include;

- Photos
- Videos
- Data that can be converted to a photograph

Different terms and what they mean:

'Indecent' can include penetrative and non-penetrative sexual activity

'Making' can include opening, accessing, downloading and storing online content

'Sharing' includes sending on an email, offering on a file sharing platform, uploading to a site that other people have access to, and possessing with a view to distribute

It is important that you understand the law and know that:

- Looking at indecent images of under 18's is illegal regardless of how they look
- These images are real children and young people and viewing them causes further harm
- If you stumble across indecent images of children under 18 online, then you must report them to the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF)
<https://report.iwf.org.uk/en>

Support available:

If you have been affected by any of these issues, more information and support can be found at:

- **NSPCC** <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>
- **Marie Collins** <https://www.mariecollinsfoundation.org.uk>
- **Internet Watch Foundation** <https://www.iwf.org.uk>
- **Samaritans** <http://www.samaritans.org/>