



Year 8, 9 or 10

Sexting: To send or not to send

## Group Agreement



Respect the opinion of others

Confidentiality

Right to pass

Right to speak

Listen to each other

Suspend judgement

No put downs

Self-care (trigger warnings)

All questions are good questions

Correct terminology

It's ok to have fun and laugh



# Trigger warning

This lesson covers topics that some students may find distressing. Please let me know if you need to take a break.



What is sexting?



'Sexting' is the sending of nude, semi-naked, provocative or sexual photos, messages or videos using a mobile phone or the internet. These are sometimes known as 'sexy pics' or 'noodz' or some of the words that you have already said. They are also known in legal terms as sexually explicit images or messages, or intimate images.

# Thumb quiz



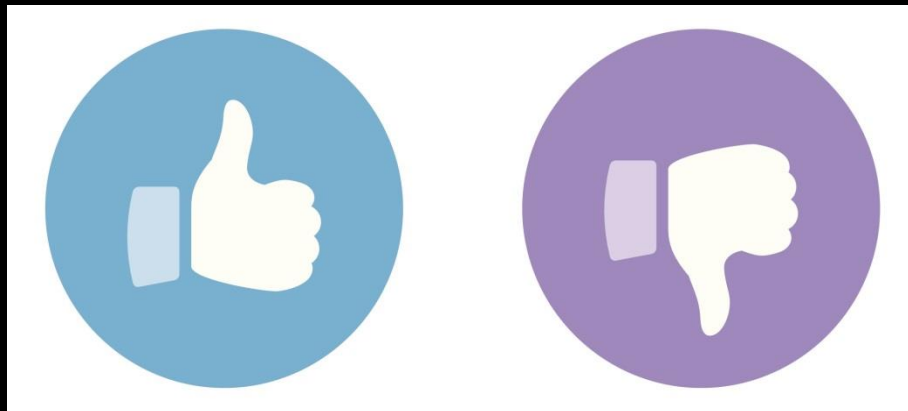
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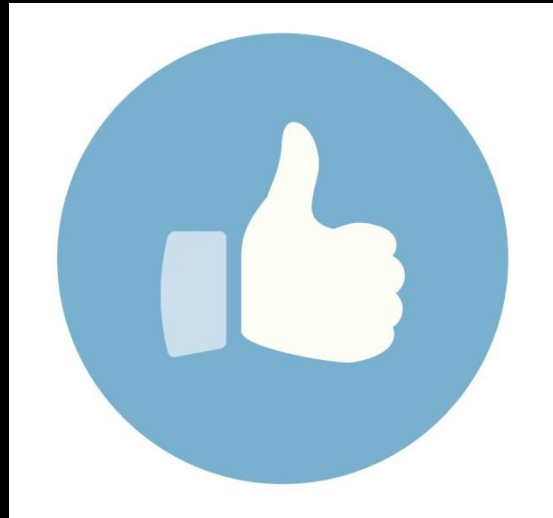
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An 18 year old girl  
sends a naked image of  
herself to an 18 year  
old guy she likes.

legal



illegal



Legal

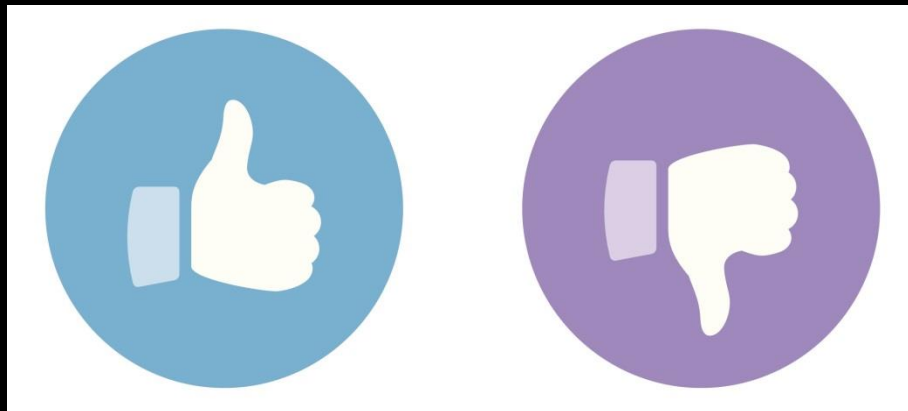
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but if he did not want this image, it  
might be sexual harassment  
depending on circumstances.

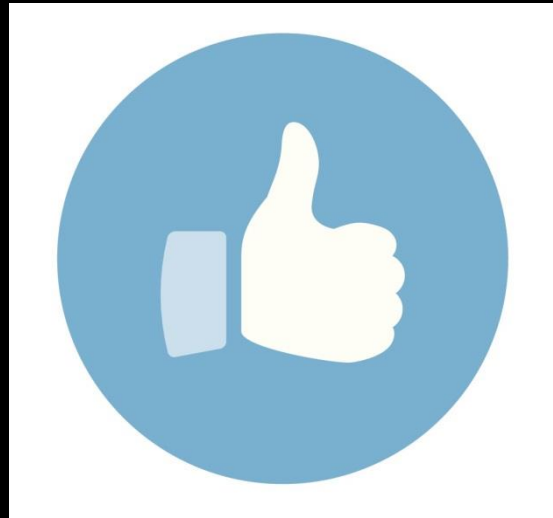


A 20 year old sends a  
naked image of  
themselves to their 21  
year old partner.

legal



illegal



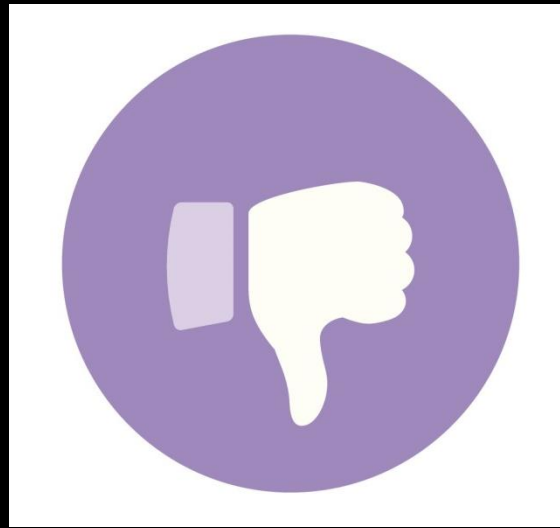
Legal  
(if consensual)

An 16 year old  
consensually sends a  
nude to their 16 year  
old partner.

legal



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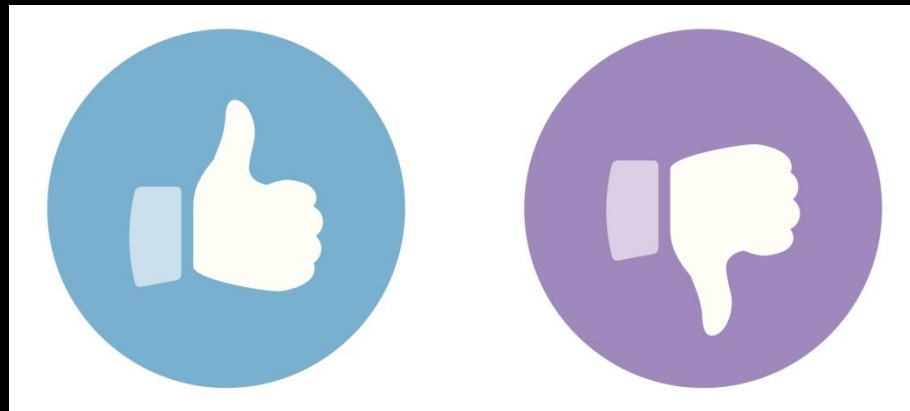
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*Despite being of legal age to have sex, and legal under WA laws, this is illegal under federal laws which override state laws.*

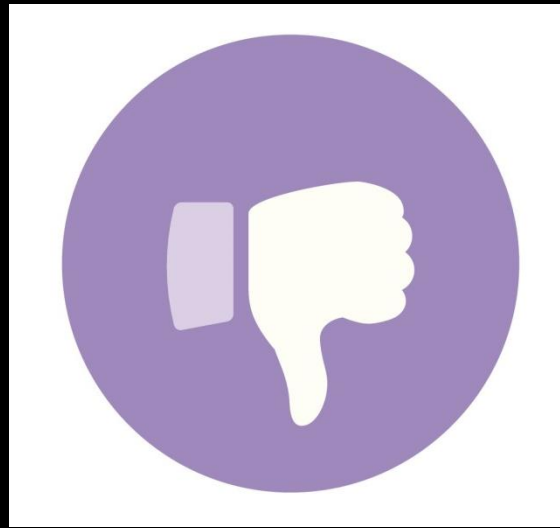
*If a person under 18 takes a naked picture of themselves, it can be considered creating child exploitation material. Sending it to a partner can be considered distributing child exploitation material. These laws are designed to protect children from exploitation however, young people consensually sharing images can still be prosecuted under these laws.*

The 21 year old shares  
the image of their  
partner with several of  
their friends.

legal



illegal



Illegal

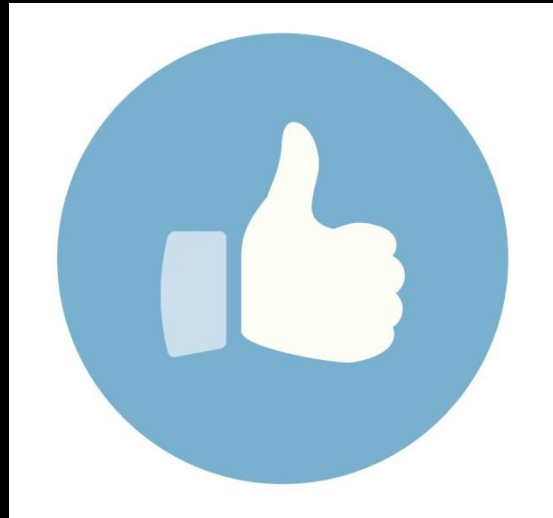
Illegal if they did not ask for their partner's consent to share the images.

A teacher 'follows' a student on Instagram and makes personal remarks.

legal



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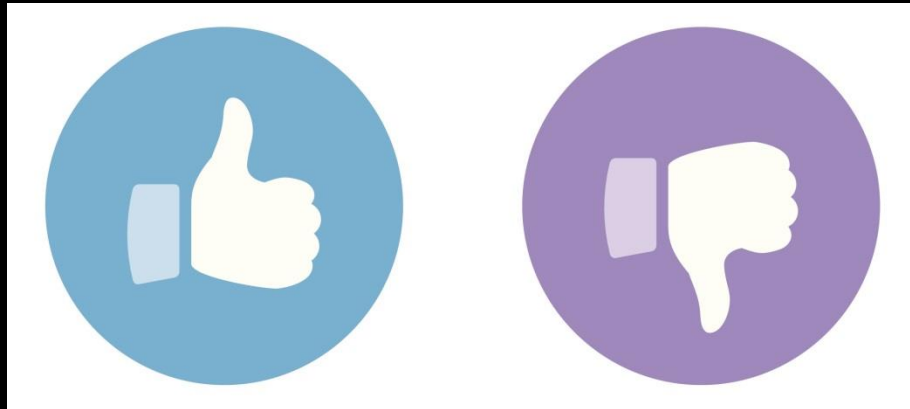
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(but breaches professional conduct).

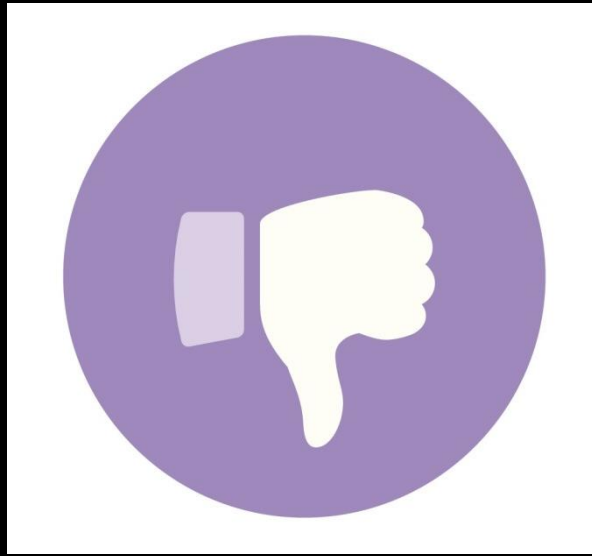


After breaking up with their 16 year old partner, a 17 year old threatens to send an intimate image of them to their mates.

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illegal



## Illegal

Illegal to threaten to send an intimate image (WA law) and illegal to send an intimate image of a person under 18 years of age (Commonwealth law).

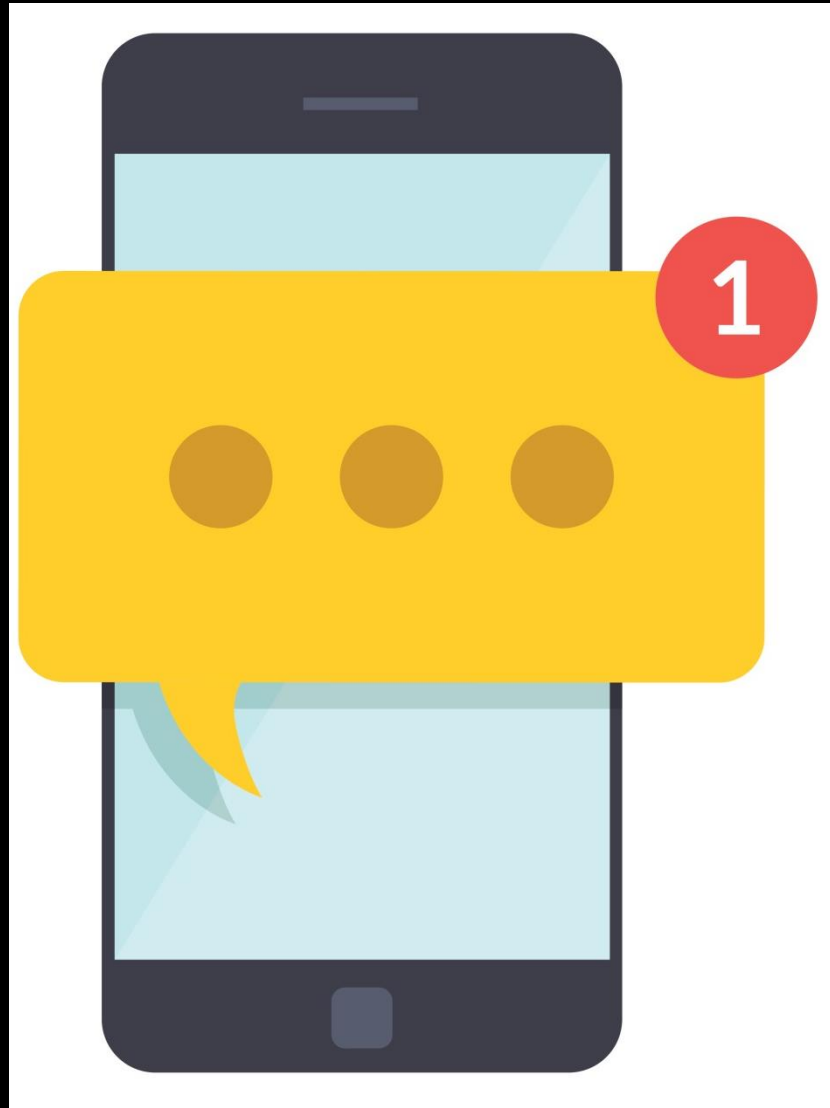
# Laugh and learn video – sexting

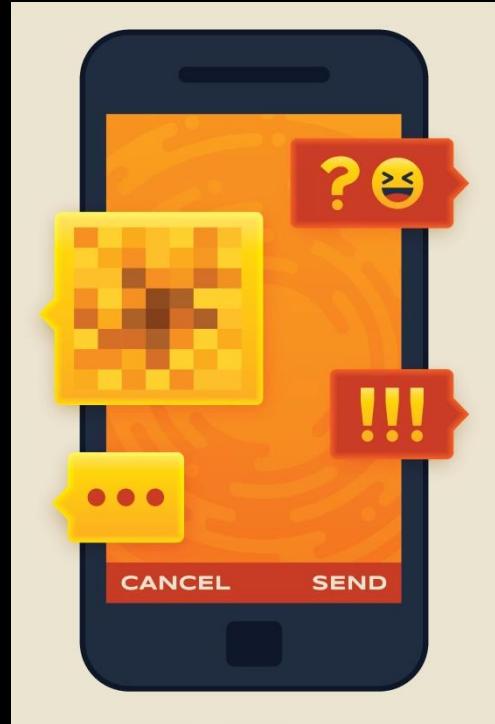




What are the key  
messages from the video?

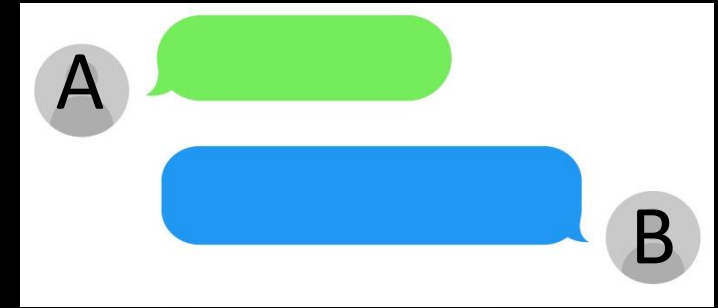
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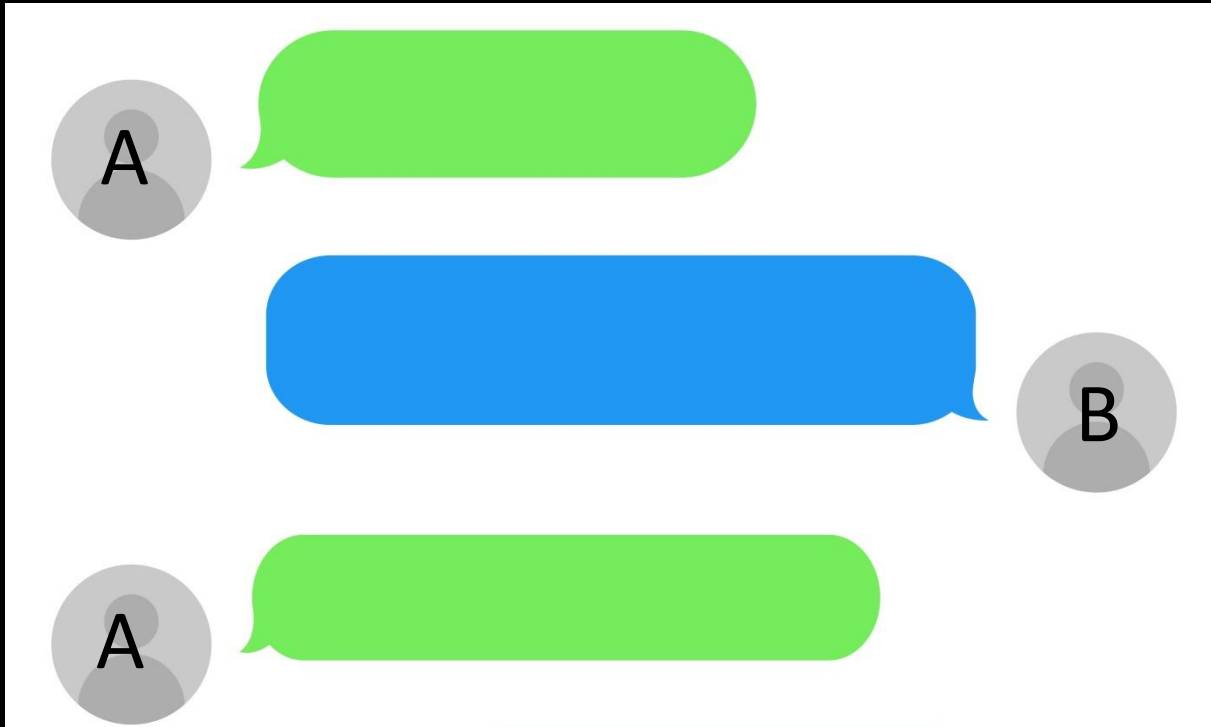


Describe a scenario where person A asks person B for a nude (no real names or personal stories).

# What might person B's respond?



- Do they want to send the nude?
- Do they feel safe?
- Is there trust?
- Do they feel pressured?
- How do they negotiate the situation?
- Do they consensually send the nude?
- Do they send a pic without showing their face or identifying features?



What might person A reply?

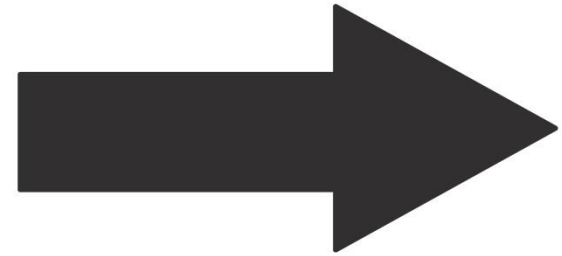
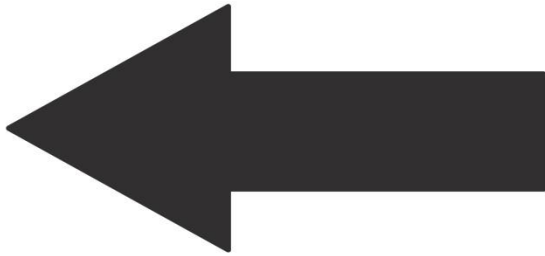




Continue the potential responses.

# Consequences

What might happen  
if they send a nude?



What might happen  
if they don't send a nude?

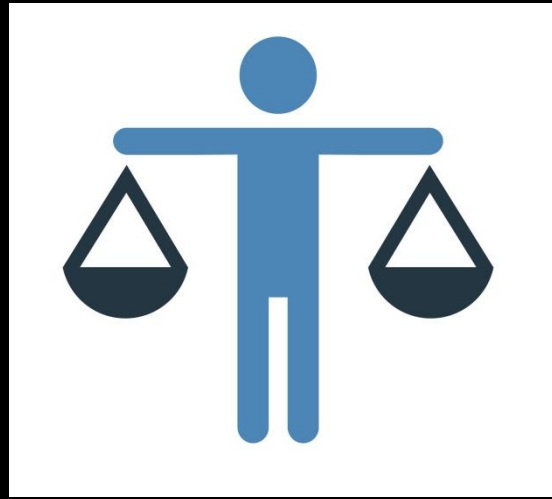




What are the  
emotional  
consequences?



What are the  
social  
consequences?



What are the  
ethical  
consequences?



## Sexting

For free legal advice about this topic, please contact us [here](#).

Lots of people sext, but you should think carefully about it before you do.

The only way to be completely legally safe when sexting is for both people to be over 18 and to consent. Remember that once an image or video is shared, it is very hard to control how it is used after that.

If a sext is sent without someone's consent, or if a sext is threatening or harassing, then it can be serious. See our page on [image based abuse](#) for more information.

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# Youth Law Australia – Sexting

<https://yla.org.au/wa/topics/internet-phones-and-technology/sexting-laws/>



What are the  
legal  
consequences?

eSafety

Image based abuse video

(2min 30sec)





Where can a young person go for help in these situations?

# Help?

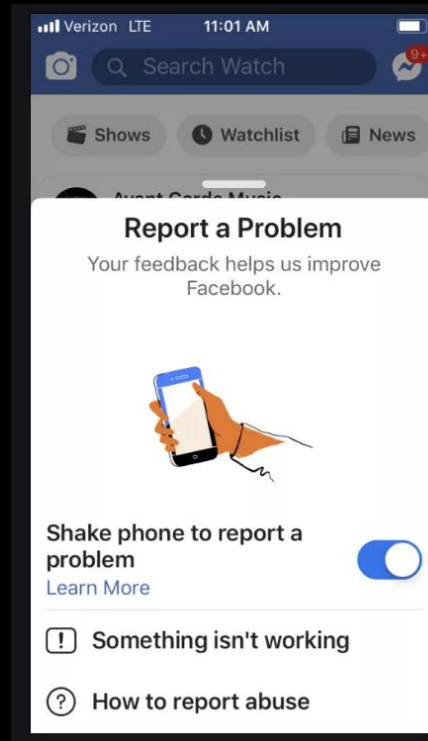
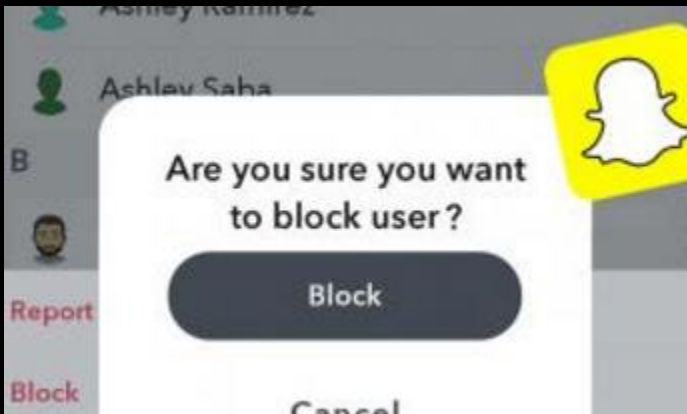


Trusted adults



## Report abuse

Make a report about cyberbullying, image-based abuse or illegal and harmful content.



What strategies would you recommend to a friend who has been in this situation?





What is the most important thing you  
have learnt from this lesson?

Who will you share this information  
with?

# Take home message



Unwanted sexting is disrespectful, harassment and against the law.



Sharing, or threatening to share, another person's sext/nude without their consent is image-based abuse and is against the law.



There are actions that can be taken and support available if you receive an inappropriate text messages and/or pictures or if your pictures are shared without your consent.



Sending sexts/nudes can have emotional, social, ethical and legal consequences.



It is easy to lose control over who sees a sext/nude.



It is important to think about potential consequences when making decisions about sexting.