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Sexting - Why do Children & Young Adults take/send

'Inappropriate Selfies' or 'Pose' Inappropriately?

Teen "romance"	– image / video shared willingly
Intimacy with partner	– image / video shared willingly
Flirting / Prank / Joke	– image / video shared willingly
Showing off (parties)	– image / video shared willingly
Impulsive risk-taking	– image / video shared willingly
Peer pressure	– image / video shared willingly
Revenge	– image / video shared to cause Shame

Unintentional Consequences

Bullying or intimidation	– image / video shared (Online Psychological Exploitation)
Tricked or Coerced	– image / video shared (Sexually Exploited)
Blackmail	– image / video shared for (Physical Financial Sexual Exploitation)

Inappropriate Images

Contrary to what is being said the vast majority of Inappropriate Selfies are taken 'willingly' due to complete 'normal' behaviour of todays children and young adults who possess a Mobile (Cell) Phone. The top 22 Apps that are installed on a young persons mobile device are either 'messaging', 'meeting' or picture/video platforms, this highlights the necessity and compulsive behaviour of taking pictures of themselves or Live Streaming (FOMO).

*Unfortunately, this can lead to **Unintentional Consequences** due to the illegal, inappropriate or unacceptable use of the image/video by the person receiving, which will lead to Online Exploitation. This has and can lead to the criminalisation of the young person sending, despite not intending to commit a criminal offence (**The Unintentional Victim**). These victims would not have expected to be '**criminalised**' or have had their live video '**recorded**' & **published** without their knowledge.*

Remember – Selfies & Live Streaming is the 'Norm' for young users, however, if they act inappropriate or unacceptably, they run the risk of being exploited or criminalised.

Educate to Understand the Risks, to Restrict Escalation to Online Exploitation or Criminalisation by Preventing Deliberate or Accidental Inappropriate Behaviour

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