

## 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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