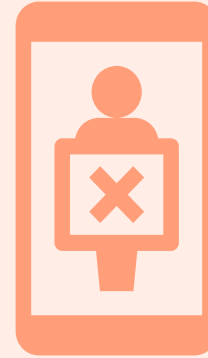


Sending Nudes



'Sending nudes' refers to the sending of explicit photos through social media apps or text message

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According to a recent survey (2022), almost half of Irish students between 15 and 18 years of age have been asked to send nudes.

▶ Teenagers may do this as a way of sexually expressing themselves or they may feel pressured to do so, either by one person or their social circle.

- ▶ It's a **risky activity** because the receiver may decide to share the pictures.
- ▶ 'Sexting' and 'self-generated images' are other terms used to describe this activity.
- ▶ If you're worried that your child may be sending nudes, **address the issue in a frank conversation**. Don't judge them. Instead, let your child know you are concerned about them and that you're always there for them, no matter what.

- ▶ It is illegal to send or distribute explicit content of a **person under the age of 18**.
- ▶ Image-based abuse and/or cases of suspected child sexual abuse material can be reported to Hotline.ie and/or An Garda Síochána. **Make sure to take a screenshot of the offensive image** and note the URL of where you came across it.