



Online Safety Act

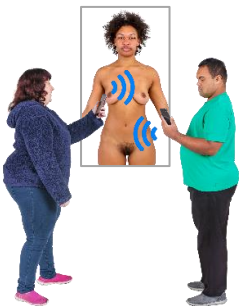


The Online Safety Act became law on 31 January 2024



Cyberflashing

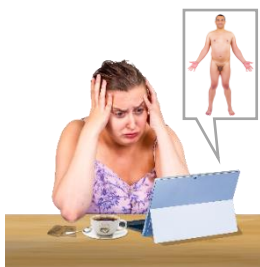
Cyberflashing is when someone sends an unwanted sexual image from their electronic device to another person without their consent



Cyberflashing happens online by sending things on social media or by Bluetooth or AirDrop



Cyberflashing is a type of sexual harassment



If you send a photo or video of private parts to someone else for

- your own fun or sexual enjoyment
- to embarrass the other person
- to upset the other person
- or to cause anxiety to the other person



you could go to prison for up to **2** years



Private parts are things like a vagina, breasts, or a penis



It is illegal to send naked images of or to people under the age of **18**

If you are over **18** you must give consent



If you are a victim of cyberflashing and image based abuse, you can get **lifelong anonymity** from when you tell the police

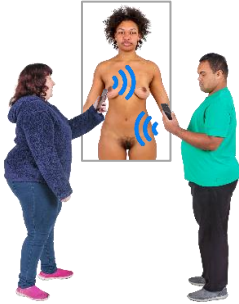


Lifelong anonymity means your identity will be kept private



Intimate image abuse

Intimate image abuse is often called **revenge porn**



Revenge porn is when someone shares private sexual photos or videos of another person without their consent



If you share or say you will share, private images on or offline, without the consent of the person in the images, you could go to prison for up to **6** months

If you did this for



- your own fun or sexual enjoyment
- to embarrass the other person
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Sending flashing images to someone with epilepsy



Internet trolls send flashing images to people with epilepsy on purpose – they try to make them have a seizure



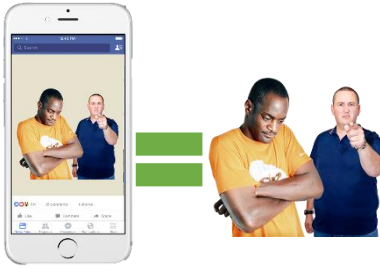
An **internet troll** is someone who deliberately posts rude or upsetting things online to get a response from other people



Sending flashing images to people with epilepsy can cause them physical and emotional pain



It's now illegal to send a flashing image to a person with epilepsy because you want them to have a seizure



Online threats are treated the same as in person threats

There is a new offence called **threatening communications**

Threatening communications means

- if you send online death threats to someone
- or you say you will seriously hurt someone



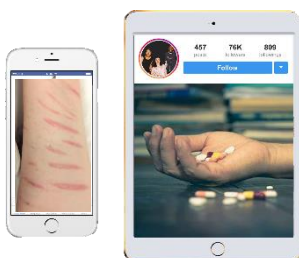
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Encouraging self-harm



Posting something online that encourages **suicide** has been illegal for several years

Suicide is when someone kills themselves on purpose



Posting something online that encourages someone to seriously hurt themselves is now also illegal



If you post something online that

- encourages someone to seriously hurt themselves
- or shows you helping someone to seriously hurt themselves



you could go to prison for up to **5** years