



## HARASSMENT

Actions or comments a person says or does to someone else, when they know that person does not want that attention.

## ONLINE HARASSMENT

is harassment that happens through the internet

**HERE ARE SOME FORMS OF ONLINE HARASSMENT THAT ARE AGAINST THE LAW.**



## 1. CRIMINAL HARASSMENT

Someone contacts you over and over; and,

They know you don't like it, because you told them or because most people in the situation would know you don't like it; and,

It makes you afraid for your safety or someone else's safety.

## 2. VOYEURISM

This can happen when:

You expect privacy (for example, you are alone or in the bathroom)

And,

You are naked, showing sexual parts of your body, or engaging in sexual acts, or if the pictures are taken for a sexual purpose.

### 3. CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL

**If you are younger than 18:** an intimate image of someone under 18 for a sexual purpose is child sexual abuse material.

BUT there are a few exceptions.

#### INTIMATE IMAGES

Are pictures or videos created in private that show a person naked, semi-naked, or doing a sexual activity.

Sharing intimate images is sometimes known as “sexting”

**If you are 18 or older:** it is legal to share intimate images with another person who is 18 or older, as long as both people give their consent.

Consent means that both people freely agree to participate

#### YOU ARE UNDER 18,

and you create a sexual picture or video alone and keep it to yourself; **OR**

#### YOU ARE UNDER 19,

and you create a sexual picture or video of yourself alone or with someone else **AND:**

- You and the other person voluntarily agree to participate in making the sexual image;
- You and the other person freely agree to share them between you;
- The intimate image stays private between you; **AND**
- There is no abuse of power between you.

**IF YOU ARE UNDER 18, THESE IMAGES CAN NEVER BE SHARED WITH FRIENDS OR POSTED PUBLICLY ANYWHERE.**



## 4. EXTORTION

It can be against the law for someone to threaten to share or post online an intimate image of you.

It is ALWAYS against the law to share or post online an intimate image without the consent of the person in the picture/video.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING ONLINE HARASSMENT?

**Change passwords** on your social media accounts and devices, which can help protect your privacy.

**Speak to a lawyer**, who can help figure out what your options are. One place to start is the legal clinic Justice for Children and Youth: <http://jfcy.org>

Visit [teenlegalhelp.org](http://teenlegalhelp.org) to get free legal help.

**Report the incident** to the website where your image has been shared. See [needhelpnow.ca](http://needhelpnow.ca)

**Tell an adult you trust**, like a parent, family member, or teacher. You can consider reporting the incident to the police.

You can ask police or staff at a local court to help you get a **Peace Bond**, which are orders from court that put limits on a person's behaviours.

If the person harassing you is or was your intimate partner and you lived together, you may be able to get a **Restraining Order** from a family court.

Learn more at [owjn.org](http://owjn.org)