

NUDE SHARING MYTHBUSTER

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Sharing nudes is always harmful.

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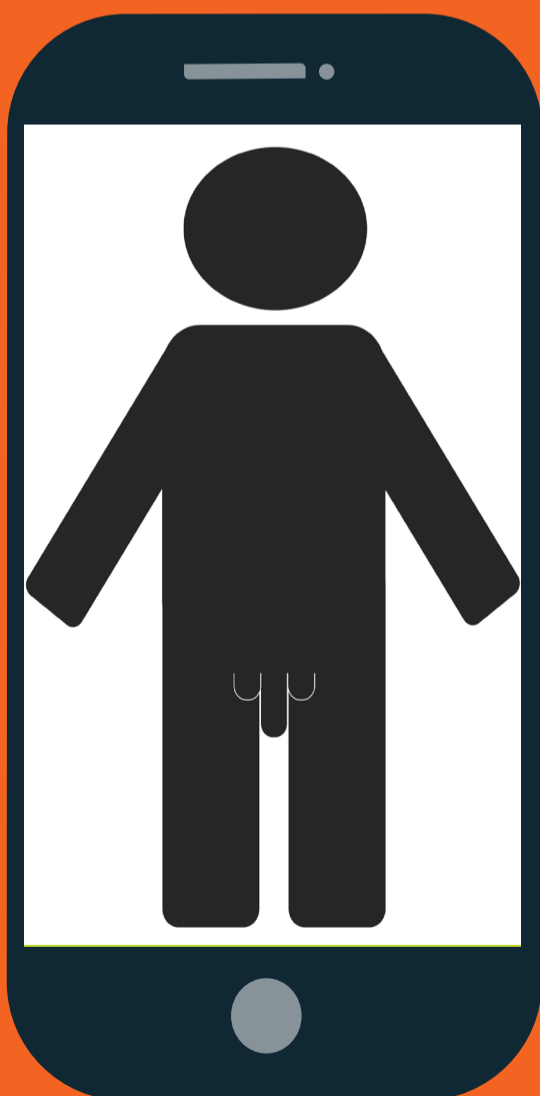
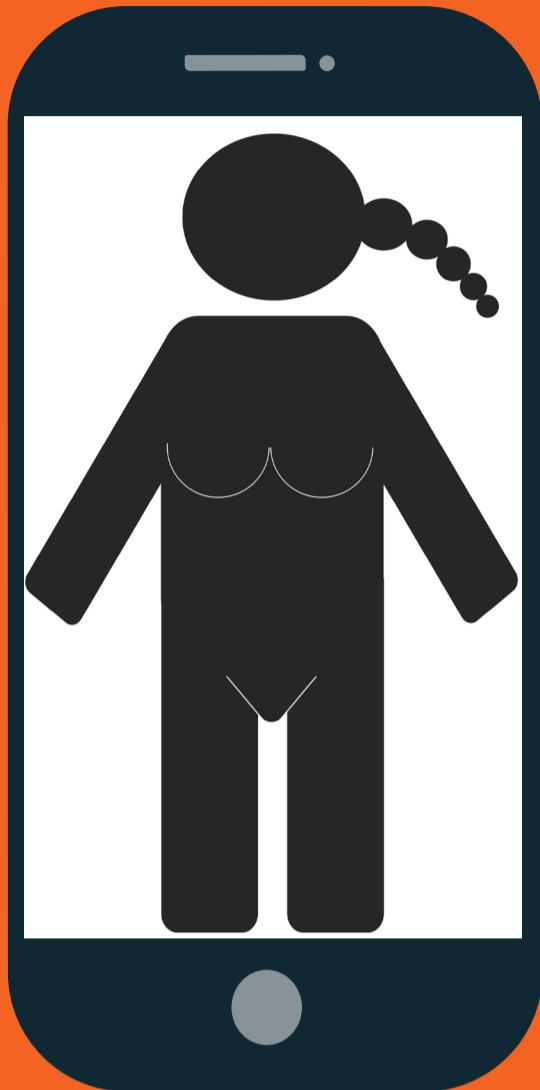
Young people use different terms anyway. Youth nude sharing can be risky and harmful but it can also be exploration, as part of growing up, often done between peers and not always for sexual purposes. It can be semi or totally nude, sexual or non-sexual. And when people refer to 'sexting', it can even mean text messages.

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All young people are sharing explicit images.

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Statistics vary but there are lots of different definitions of this activity and it is unclear exactly what young people send and how often.



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Unless charged or convicted, young people won't get a criminal record.

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No conviction equals no 'criminal record', but nominal records are normally added to police databases and these MAY be disclosed in future enhanced DBS checks.

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Young people who share nudes are at risk of exploitation.

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Yes this can be a risk, but studies have shown that young people are most likely to share images with peers, not with strangers.

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