



eSafety Guidelines

CONSENT TO SHARE

The advice on this page is for young people under 18. Advice is also available for over 18s, who may be experiencing adult cyber abuse.

Do you have consent or permission to share a photo or video of someone?

In short:

- Consent is the informed and freely given agreement to engage in an activity, or permission for a specific thing to happen.
- You should always seek consent before sharing a photo or video.
- Consent is ongoing. Even if someone has said yes to an image being posted, they can change their mind and retract their consent.
- If someone asks you to remove a photo or video, you should do it no questions asked.

If you're going to share any images or videos online, it's best to make sure the people who are featured in the photos or videos are OK with it too. Ask yourself, 'Do I have consent or permission to share a photo or video of someone?' When it comes to getting consent before uploading or sharing photos or videos, here is what you need to know.

Tips for consent to share photos and videos

Ask before taking the photo or video

When recording someone, it's important to check your intentions. Are you taking an image to mock someone? Are they comfortable having their image taken? If they aren't, it's probably best to put the phone or camera away.

Ask before sharing photos of people and respect their decision

It's that simple! If they say they're uncomfortable with a photo, then respect their decision.

If someone asks you to remove an image or video of them, do it

Respecting the choices and decisions your mates make about their personal privacy means they are more likely to respect your choices and decisions too.

Follow your instincts and be smart about what you post

If you don't feel good about posting a photo or video of someone because you think it could have long term consequences for them, don't post it.



Remember: Once you post or share something, you can lose control of the content. This can have devastating consequences or impact the mental health of people who may not have wanted the image to be shared in the first place. It could even mean that you, or your friends, miss out on jobs or other opportunities in the future. Find out more about [your digital footprint](#).