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Tagged Slide Show

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**Cyberbullying and the
role of the Bystander**



Sexting

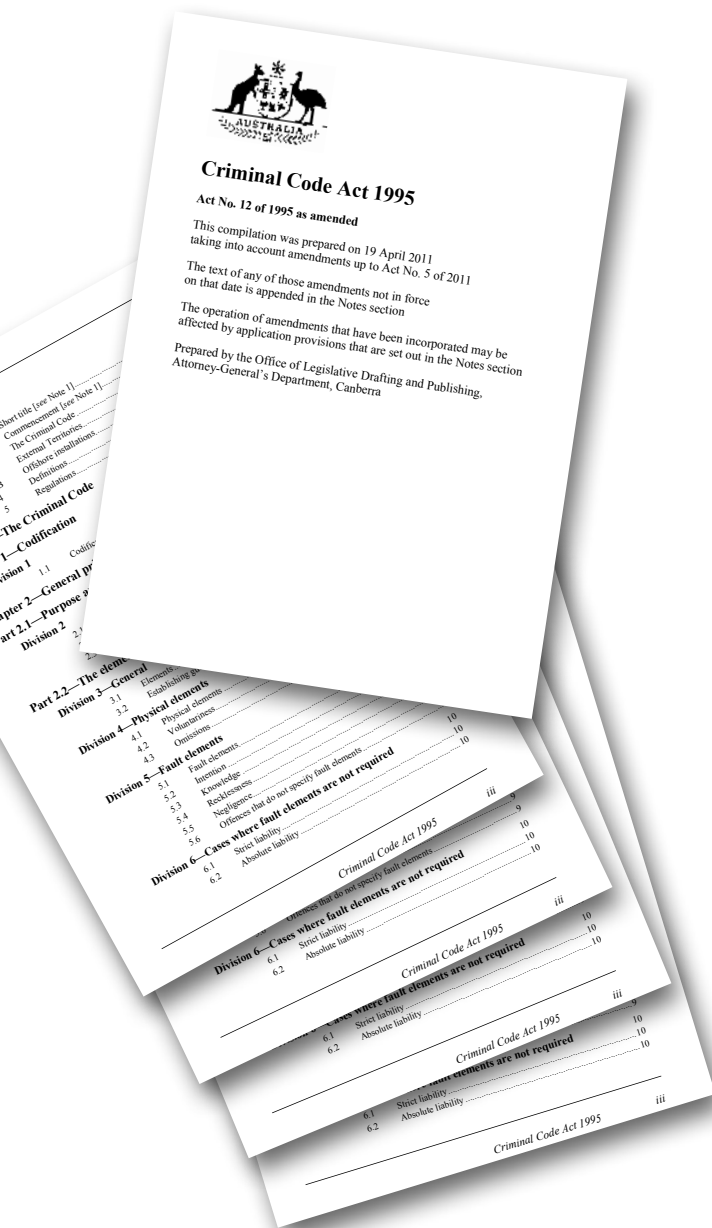
Jack and Kate were in a happy relationship. Was it OK for them to share revealing images of themselves?



Many teens like Jack and Kate don't know that 'sexting' is actually illegal.

If you take or receive any nude or semi-nude pictures or video of a person under 18 you can be charged under current Australian child pornography laws – even if the picture is of you.

Teens as young as 14 have been charged under the current laws.



Even if Kate and Jack stayed together, the law applies to consensual pictures too – it would still be illegal.

Once they separated, the risk that one of them will use pictures to hurt the other or damage their reputation is very high.

This happens in friendship groups too – not just romantic relationships

Even if Kate and Jack stayed together, sometimes it's just an accident –

- **a lost phone,**
- **sending to the wrong person,**
- **someone else using your computer**

but the law says it is still your responsibility not to take or share them.

**If you are over 18,
is it OK to send sexual images
once it stops being illegal?**

When you create or send an image you are 'publishing' this image.

As an adult, if someone forwards intimate pictures of you, no one can make them stop. It's no longer illegal.

An infinite number of copies can be made and shared. Anyone, including strangers, parents, workmates, or future partners can be exposed to these images for many years to come.

So can you ever 'safely sext'?

Unfortunately, there is no such thing as ‘safe sexting.’ Kate and Jack may have tried hard to keep it private, but sometimes it’s just an accident –

- **a lost phone,**
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Your Digital Reputation



What is a digital reputation?

like any other form of reputation

generalised view of a person's identity, beliefs, opinions

'digital' simply refers to the evidence of your interactions, comments and behaviours online

a digital reputation is as real and important as your general reputation

How long does a digital reputation last?



What you say, do and share online is there forever

It can be impossible to completely 'delete' or hide posts



How did the characters in *Tagged* damage their digital reputations?

Ridicule

Unwanted sexual contact

Damaged personal reputation with a digital trail that is hard to delete

Misconception about her personality and sexuality

KATE

RAZ

The pics tagged from Jack's party give an unbalanced view of who Raz really is.

People may judge her as an irresponsible party girl, drunk, drugged, or promiscuous.



The fight clip makes Jack look out of control and violent

The sexting makes him appear to be a sexual predator.

People can access the fight clip online over and over, and pre-judge Jack's character based on one piece of evidence.



JACK

Cyberbullying

What is the role of the bystander?



Who are the bystanders in *Tagged*?

How did they contribute to the negative consequences?

How could they have acted to prevent negative consequences?





Em watches Kate and Raz post to the blog

== approval/bullying

Em sees Kate threaten Raz with exposure

== approval/bullying



The students watching the fight

== encouraging bullying



The students who heckle Kate, whisper, pass on the images, vandalise Kate's locker

== active bullies

**What does it take to act?
To stop being a bystander?**

Empathy

understanding what it may feel like to be bullied

Courage

Compassion

Self belief

Resilience

Support of your friends

speaking up helps others speak up

Support

Support is needed

Get help early

Adult intervention

There is hope and help -

friendship support is critical and you can also talk to school counsellors. Cybersmart, through Kids Helpline, provides free and private advice online or by calling 1800 55 1800.

If you think someone is in immediate danger, call Triple Zero (000)



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