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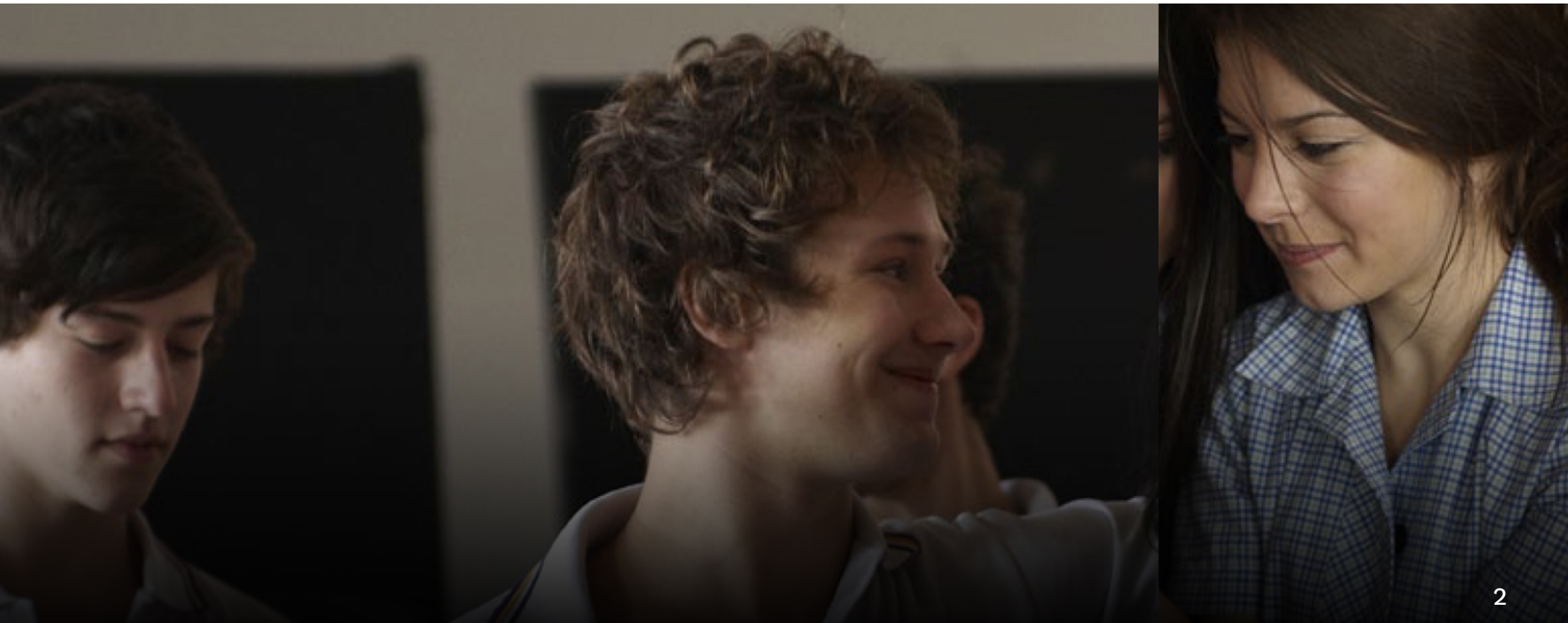
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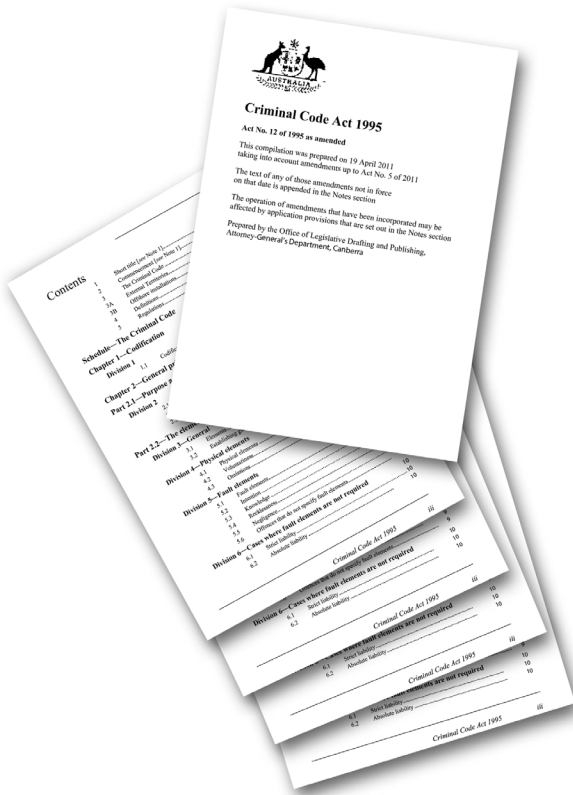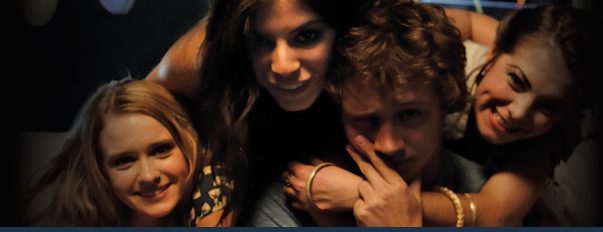Jack and Kate were in a happy relationship. Was it OK for them to share revealing images of themselves?

Sexting

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.

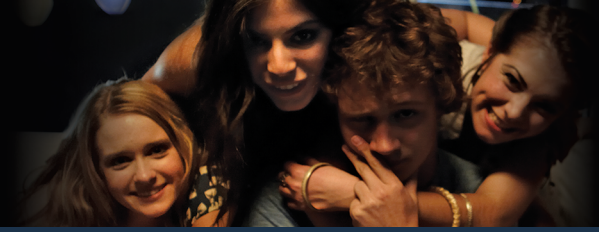Teens as young as 14 have been charged under the current laws.

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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.
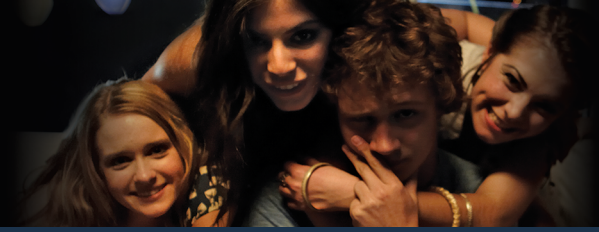
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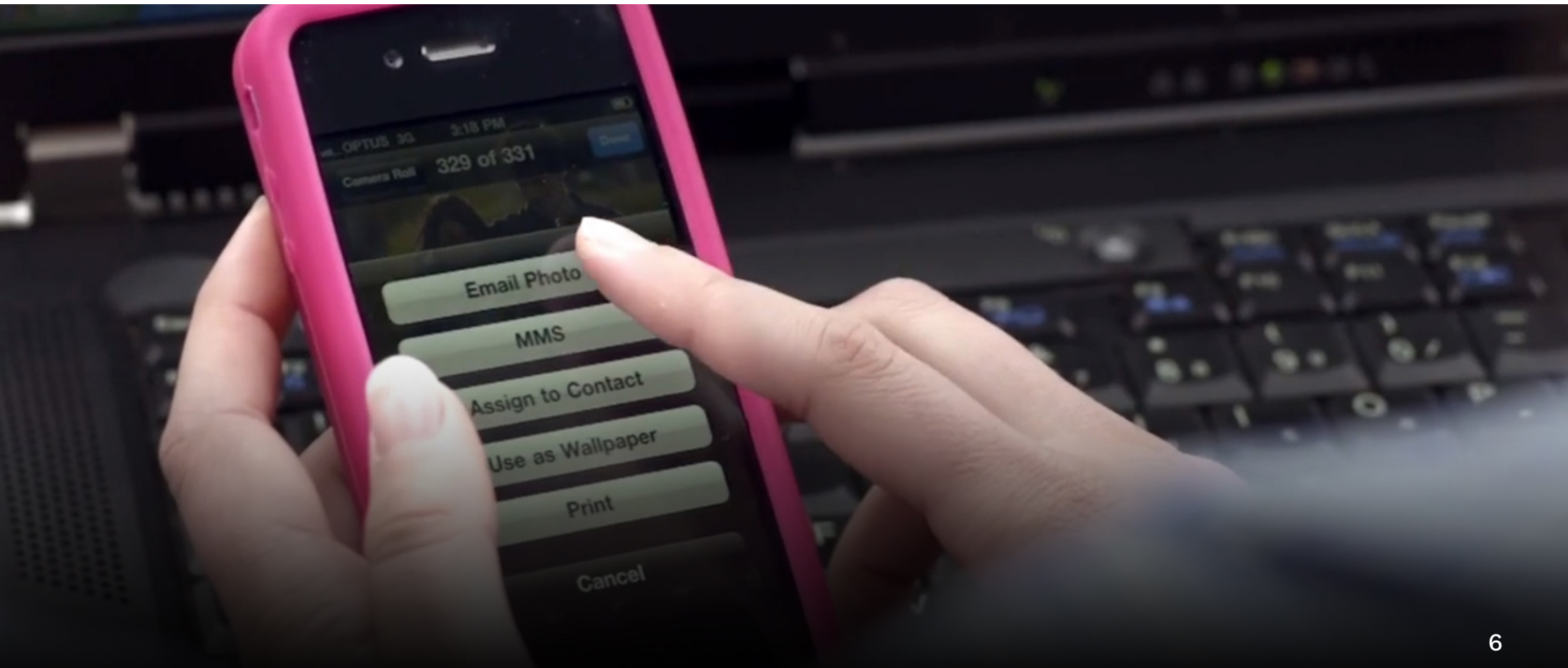- sending to the wrong person,
- someone else using your computer

but the law says it is still your responsibility not to take or share them.
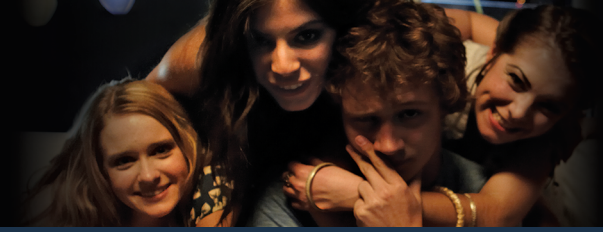
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If you are over 18, is it OK to send sexual images once it stops being illegal?

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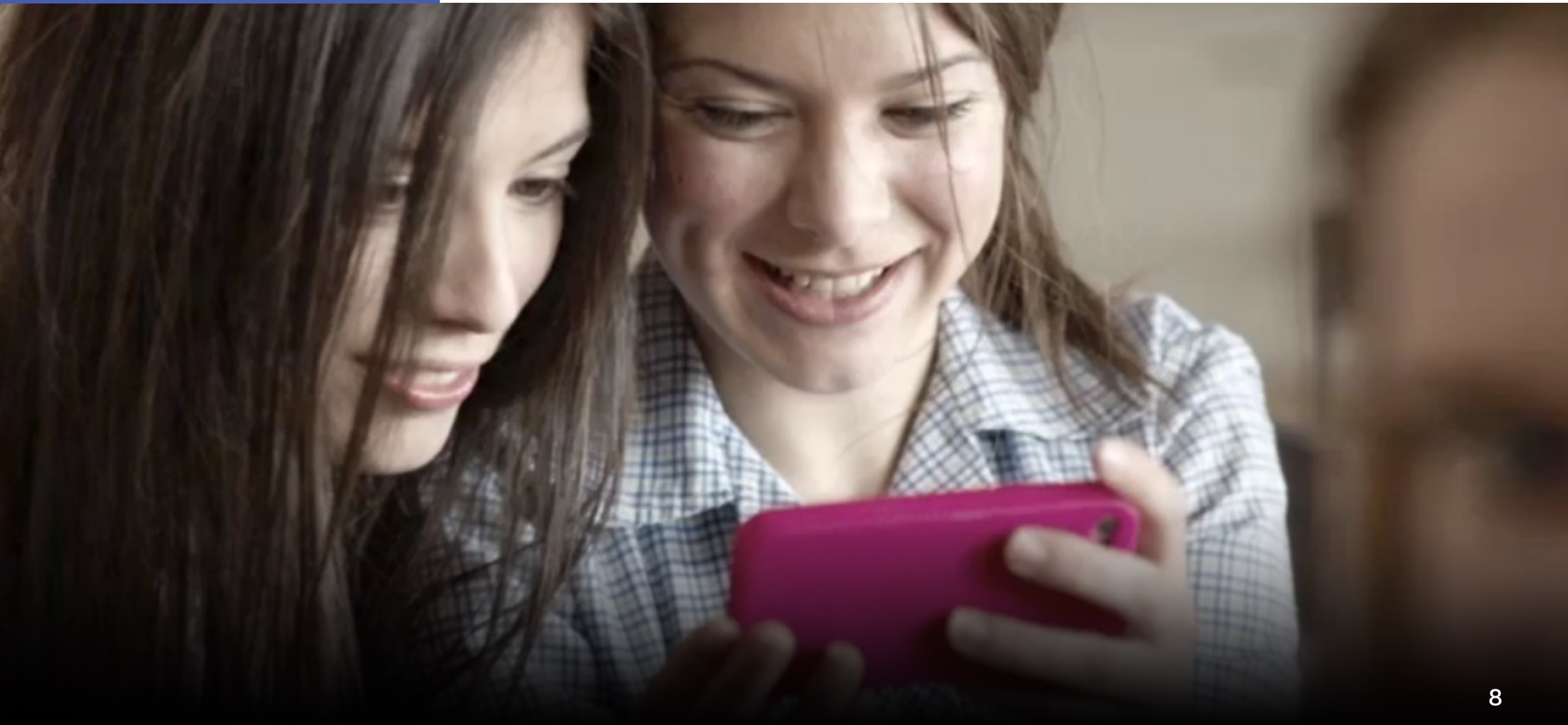**While it is not illegal for adults to share intimate images, there may still be consequences.**

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.
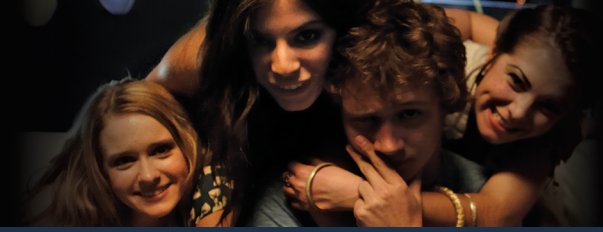
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So can you ever 'safely sext'?

Sexting

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 –

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Digital reputation

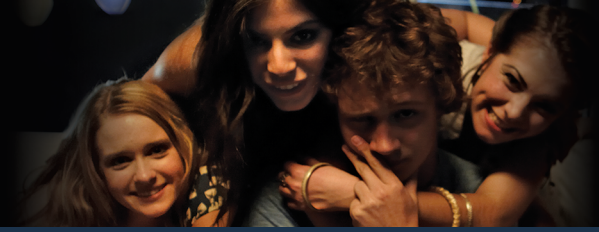**What is a digital reputation?**

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

Digital reputation

How long does a digital reputation last?

Digital reputation

What you say, do and share online is there forever

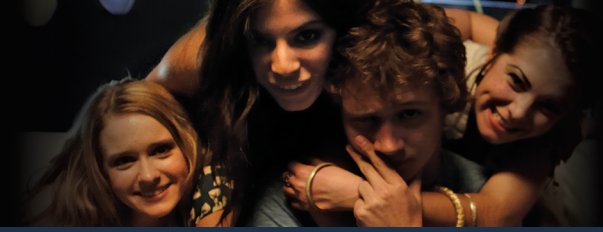It can be impossible to completely 'delete' or hide posts

Digital reputation

How did the characters in Tagged damage their digital reputations?

Digital reputation

KATE

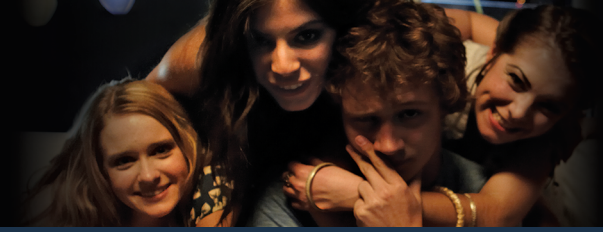**Ridicule**

Unwanted sexual contact

A digital trail that is hard to delete

Misconception about her personality and sexuality

Digital reputation

RAZ

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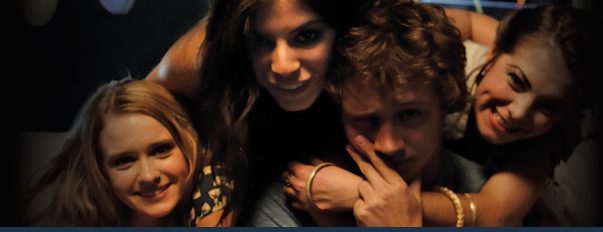
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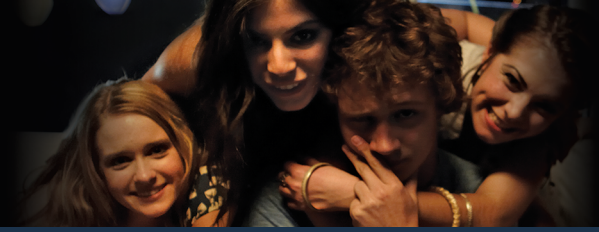
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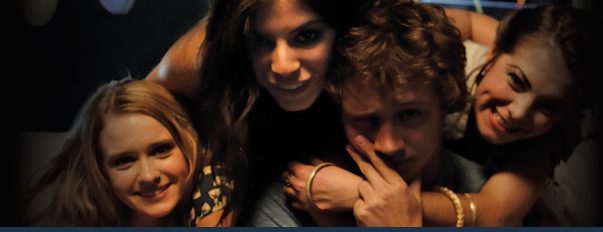
What is the role of the bystander?

Cyberbullying

Who are the bystanders in Tagged?

How did they contribute to the negative consequences?

How could they have acted to prevent negative consequences?

Cyberbullying

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

Cyberbullying

What does it take to act?

To stop being a bystander?

Cyberbullying

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

Friendship support is critical.

You can talk to school counsellors.

Cyberbullying

Support and report cyberbullying

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