

Preparation: Reasons for sharing nudes

Read the article below.

While you read, make a list of the reasons why even very young people share naked selfies which are mentioned in the article.

Daily Mail:

Now teenagers think sharing naked selfies is 'normal' (2016) Youngsters say sending photos is 'fun' despite knowing the risks.

- *Some children as young as 12 are sharing nude images through phones*
- *For many it was a natural way of exploring sexuality with trusted partner*
- *A few admitted they were coerced and threatened often by strangers*

Many young people choose to share naked selfies despite knowing the risks because they see it as a 'normal and fun' part of relationships, a worrying study has shown.

Researchers discovered that some children as young as 12 are sharing nude images through their phones and social media. And for many of the study group, consisting of people who had shared naked photos under the age of 18, it was a natural way of exploring their sexuality and something they did with a trusted partner. But some admitted they were coerced and threatened, often by strangers they met online.

The study – called Self Produced Images – Risk Taking Online¹ (SPIRTO) – also revealed the difficulty police, parents and schools faced in trying to differentiate between normal behaviour and abuse.

Dr Ethel Quayle from the University of Edinburgh said: 'The experiences of the young people varied from coercive online grooming where children were pressured to produce images by use of aggressive threats, to the other end of the spectrum where the images were produced in a romantic and caring relationship.'

'In between we saw different levels of what might be thought of as coercion, where children felt an expectation that sending selfies is what people are doing, and if you didn't do it there was something wrong with you.'

'The consequences of sending the images were not always absolutely catastrophic, but they were for some people.'

By Daily Mail Reporter: "Now teens think sharing naked selfies is normal" © Daily Mail. 3 November 2016.

¹ Titel på det studie der har undersøgt hvorfor unge sender nøgne selfies.