

IS IT **SAFE**  
TO SEND

**NUDES**

**?**

A GLOBAL MOVEMENT OF FIGHTERS  
©FIGHT THE NEW DRUG

**1 IN 5 GIRLS  
AND 1 IN 10 BOYS  
AGED 13-17  
REPORT SHARING  
THEIR OWN NUDES,  
ACCORDING TO A  
2020 REPORT.**



While **40%** of these minors agree that sending nudes is “normal,” many do not realize that any sexually explicit depiction of a minor—even if it's sent by the minor themselves—**is legally considered "child pornography,"** or child sexual exploitation material **(CSEM).**



If they're passed around,  
nudes can easily be seen  
by child predators.

In fact, **over 90%** of  
police officers report that  
self-generated CSEM is  
common in their  
investigations of child  
pornography.



Online forms of child sexual exploitation are becoming increasingly common.

Through the use of technology, abusers can exploit children without ever coming into physical contact with them.

ECPAT, 2020

Parks, et al., 2020



The same 2020 report also reveals that **1 in 3 underage teens** report having seen nonconsensually shared nudes of other minors.

Not only does this refer to the distribution of CSEM, but it is also **image-based sexual abuse (IBSA)**—sometimes called **"revenge porn."**



Kids are growing up in a culture where sending nudes is considered normal or even expected, and unfortunately, many are unequipped to deal with the potential fallout.

By educating yourself about CSEM and online sexual exploitation, you can help keep yourself and others safe.



According to data from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, approximately **1 in 7** identified victims in actively traded CSEM were exploited through online enticement.



If you or a loved one have been sexually exploited online, please know that it is not your fault and there are resources to help you.

To report intimate images of a minor, visit

**[Report.CyberTip.org](https://Report.CyberTip.org)**