



in little or no clothing, or in sexualized poses.

### **What should you do before it happens to you?**

Think twice before communicating or agreeing to share this type of material with someone, especially using technology to do so.

### **Have you been part of the problem?**

By storing or helping to distribute this type of material, you are contributing to this serious issue. Distributing these images maliciously is viewed even more seriously.

### **What should you do if it has already occurred?**

If you have received this type of material, delete it without forwarding it. Tell the person who sent it to you that you are not interested in being a part of this. If you know who the

person in the image or communication is, let them know what is going on. They wouldn't want to be the last to know.

If you have created this material, delete it and don't share it. If you have sent it to someone, ask them to delete it and make sure they do.

If someone has created this material of you without your permission, you need to tell a trusted adult and they can assist you in reporting it to law enforcement. This is a serious matter and should not be ignored.

### **So what does the law say?**

Images, text or representations of someone under the age of 18 in little or no clothing, a sexual pose or engaged in a sexual act may be considered child pornography.

Even if you create and share this content yourself you can still be breaking the law!

### **So what can you do about it?**

Type your name into a search engine and see what's out there about you. Regularly search for your name, username, email address and phone number in online search engines such as Google, Bing or Yahoo! You can also use meta search engines such as [www.pipl.com](http://www.pipl.com) for a deeper search. If you don't like what is out there, take ownership and have it removed or balance it with positive content.

Your online reputation is your responsibility, so take control of what your digital shadow is saying about you!