



What is Coco's Law?

What is an intimate image?
An intimate image includes any type of photograph, film, or video of a person nude, in their underwear or engaged in sexual activity.

Since 2021, under a new law named the Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act, it is a criminal offence to share an intimate image without the individual in the images consent. This law has been brought into place and called after Nicole Fox who tragically took her own life after being the victim of offline and online bullying and harassment. Non-consensual taking and sharing of intimate images is known as image based sexual abuse.

What counts as image based sexual abuse?

- Recording or sharing an intimate image without consent.
- Taking images underneath someone's clothing in public without their consent.
- Creating images made to look like someone without their consent such as 'fakes nudes' or 'fake porn'.
- Threatening to take, create or share intimate images.
- Sending unwanted intimate images.
- Pressuring others to send intimate images.



Consequences

The sharing of intimate images without consent causes immense harm and distress for victims. These actions seriously interfere with a person's peace and privacy and can lead to mental health issues as a result. Sharing or threatening to share intimate images often has life threatening consequences for targeted individuals as they feel as if they are constantly living in fear.