

TAGGED!

Jack and Kate were in a happy relationship.

Was it OK for them to share revealing images of themselves?

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

Even if Kate and Jack stayed together, sometimes information and images being shared are the result of an accident:

- a lost phone,
- 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.

If you are over 18, is it OK to send sexual images once it stops being illegal?

When you create or send an image you are 'publishing' this image. As an adult, if someone forwards intimate pictures of you, no one can make them stop. It's no longer illegal to do so once you are 18 years of age.

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.

SO CAN YOU EVER 'SAFELY SEXT'?

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS 'SAFE SEXTING.'

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YOUR DIGITAL REPUTATION

What is a digital reputation?

A digital reputation is just like any other form of reputation – a generalised view of a person's identity, beliefs and 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.

How long does a digital reputation last?

What you say, do and share online is there forever. It can be impossible to completely 'delete' or hide posts.

How did the characters in *Tagged* damage their digital reputations?

FOR KATE IT MEANT

Ridicule

Unwanted sexual contact

Damaged personal reputation with a digital trail that is hard to delete

Misconception about her personality and sexuality

FOR JACK IT MEANT

The fight clip makes Jack look out of control and violent.

The sexting makes him appear to be a sexual predator.

People can access the fight clip online over and over and pre judge Jack's character based on one piece of evidence.

FOR RAZ IT MEANT

Her boss no longer trusts her.

It could affect the employment opportunities of all the characters for many years to come.

THINK BEFORE YOU POST ANYTHING – WORDS OR IMAGES.

THINK OF THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR YOURSELF.

THINK OF THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR OTHERS.

IF IN DOUBT, DON'T!

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<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/tagged.aspx>

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