

# COCO'S LAW



## EXPLAINED

## SCENARIOS (A)

### 3RD YEAR

In your pairs or groups, read the following scenarios and decide if you think an offence has been committed.

1. Ava gets sent a picture of male genitals from a friend's cousin. She didn't ask for it and deletes it immediately.
2. John was at a sleepover in his mates house and one of the lads took a photo of him when he was asleep wearing just his boxers and sent it to a girl John likes.
3. Laura (14) and Zola (14) are hanging out and the conversation turns to who they fancy at school, and Laura admits to having a crush on a boy in their year named Kieran. Laura has never spoken to Kieran (14) as they are not in any classes together, so Zola offers to message Kieran for Laura asking if he'd be interested in dating her. Laura agrees and when Kieran replies asking Zola for a picture of what Laura looks like, Laura asks her to send him a picture of her sunbathing in a bikini from a recent holiday in Greece.
4. Dan is using the urinal at the football club when one of his team-mates Peter, takes a photo and says he will send it to the whole team. Peter never does send the image on.

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**5.** Alex is a trans girl. When she was walking up the stairs in school one of the senior students took a photo up her skirt and posted it on the internet with some horrible comments attached.

**6.** Paul (14) posts a picture of him and his best friend Jai (14) after they won the county championship, both boys are topless in the dressing room waving the trophy over their heads after the match in the photo.

**7.** Samira is getting changed at the swimming pool and she notices that a woman in the changing room is recording her with her phone.

**8.** It's Ian's 16th birthday and lots of his friends are posting videos and pictures of him on his social media to celebrate. His friend Enda (17) thinks it would be funny to post a picture of Ian topless and with the caption "Today Ian becomes a man". This post gets a few likes and a few comments from his friends slagging him for having no chest hair. Ian himself comments joking that the waxing is doing the trick.



1. This is an offence. Section. 4 of the act. may be used to prosecute the unsolicited sending of “nude selfies” to persons. Sending “nude selfies” will also be an offence of exposure under S.45 of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017.
2. This is an offence. It is an intimate image of John as he is in his underwear and John did not consent for the photo to be taken. By sending it to someone John’s “Friends” published it.
3. This is not an offence as the image is not explicit and is shared consensually.
4. This is an offence. A threat to distribute the image is sufficient to trigger the provisions of the Act, even if the image is never sent to anyone. Furthermore, even if the threat was a joke and the person who made the threat never actually intended to send the image, it is still an offence.



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## ANSWERS

- 5.** This is an offence. "Up-skirting" is covered in the legislation under section 3. that recording, distribution or publication, as the case may be, seriously interferes with that other person's peace and privacy or causes alarm, distress or harm to that other person.
- 6.** This is not an offence as the image is not explicit and is shared consensually.
- 7.** This is an offence under section 3 as it is an intimate image taken without consent. It is important to note that there is no requirement to distribute the intimate image and the recording is sufficient on its own to complete the offence.
- 8.** This is not an offence as the image is shared on Ian's timeline consensually and is happy to join in on the banter around the image.