

Community Bulletin  
Non-Consensual Recording and Distribution of Intimate Images

The Province of Prince Edward Island has released legislation that offers legal options for folks who have had intimate images shared without their consent. Sharing an intimate image of someone without their consent is both illegal and a violation of UPEI's Sexual Violence Policy. The recording and sharing of intimate images of a person under the age of 18 is a serious criminal offence.

Prince Edward Island's *Intimate Images Protection Act* defines an intimate image as

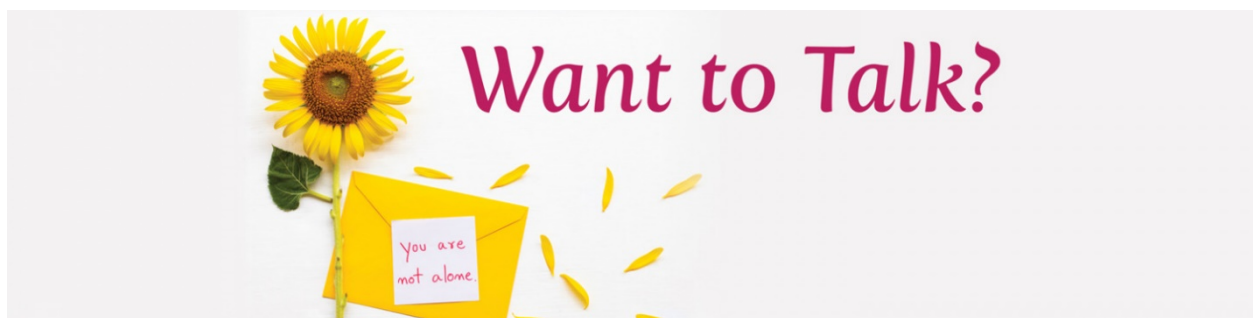
*"a visual recording of a person, whether or not the person is identifiable and whether or not the image has been altered in any way, made by any means, in which the person is or is depicted as engaging in a sexual act or nude or nearly nude or exposing the person's genital organs, anal region, or breasts and ... the person had a reasonable expectation of privacy at the time the recording was made and, if the recording was distributed, at the time it was distributed"*

The new legislation provides for civil remedies, such as compensation. The RISE program has released a guide to this new legislation that can be found here: <https://www.risepei.com/en/resources/intimate-images>

If you believe that you have been recorded or had images distributed without your consent, please consider contacting the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office for information and support at [sv-pro@upei.ca](mailto:sv-pro@upei.ca) or 902-620-5090.

You can reduce the harm caused by this behaviour by:

1. Practice consent by always asking permission to record someone or take their picture, and to share it with anyone else or on social media (even if it is not an intimate image!)
2. Not sharing intimate images that have been sent to you.
3. Remembering that the people in the images or videos may not have consented to being recorded or having their images distributed. Be kind and don't participate in blaming and shaming the victim.
4. If you become aware that intimate images are being taken or shared without permission, report the activity to Residence Life Staff, the Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Office, or other appropriate authorities.



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