

YOUR MATE'S SHARING A NUDE? GUYS TALK ABOUT HOW TO INTERVENE

There's a lot of talk about teenagers sending and sharing nudes in the media - but there's a lot less information about what the options are if you're concerned that someone you know might be breaching someone's privacy by sending or showing a nude without consent. We spoke with over 50 young men living in Aotearoa and asked them specifically about what to do in this situation, what not to do, and what to keep in mind.

GUYS WANT TO CALL OUT THE CRAP

Most of the guys we spoke to agreed that sending or showing other people's images was 'dodgy' at best. They told us that it was "pretty important" to "call out the crap" and try to intervene in a situation where a mate or peer is sending or showing someone's nude without consent. Overall, the preferred approach was to talk to a mate directly, without making a 'big deal' about it, or going behind their back. This is a delicate task: guys talked about how they could shape up this kind of conversation in a way that wouldn't put their mate on the defensive, make him feel 'alone', or hated on.

GUYS DON'T WANT TO ESCALATE

None of the guys we talked to thought that getting adult support, telling the school or the police was a viable option. A bad reputation awaited those seen to be snitching on mates or 'dogging the boys'. Many guys felt that a one-one-one approach would work better.

Some of the guys we spoke to pointed out that intervening could affect friendships, particularly in a group setting. Guys who called out a mate's sexist behaviour could be subject to insults, rejection and homophobic comments.



"Boys are like all stuck on snitches get stitches... No one will like you if you snitch or get outside support."

"You can like talk them out of it but not like tell them not to do it. Like make them see why they shouldn't do it."