

SAFEGUARDING NEWS

SEXTING AND SHARING SEXUAL IMAGES ONLINE, IS NOW BECOMING MORE COMMON.

THE NATIONAL CRIME AGENCY HAS NOW CONFIRMED THAT THE APP '**YOTI**' CAN BE USED TO HELP A CHILD REMOVE AN IMAGE ONLINE, THAT SHOULDN'T BE THERE.

WHAT IS SEXTING?

Sexting is when someone shares sexual, naked or semi-naked images or videos of themselves or others, or sends sexually explicit messages.

They can be sent using mobiles, tablets, smartphones, laptops - any device that allows you to share media and messages.

Sexting may also be called:

- trading nudes
- dirties
- pic for pic.

WHAT THE LAW SAYS.....

Sexting can be seen as harmless, but creating or sharing explicit images of a child is illegal, even if the person doing it is a child. **A young person is breaking the law if they:**

- take an explicit photo or video of themselves or a friend
- share an explicit image or video of a child, even if it's shared between children of the same age
- possess, download or store an explicit image or video of a child, even if the child gave their permission for it to be created.

NUDE IMAGE OF YOU ONLINE? WE CAN HELP YOU TAKE IT DOWN.

If you are under 18 and an explicit or nude image of you has been shared online, we can confidentially help you to get it removed.

Follow these 3 simple steps:

- **Download Yoti** – The easiest, most secure way to prove identity. Take a selfie and then a photo of your ID, like a passport, to verify it's you.
- **Report:** Give details of the nude image and where it could be online (don't worry if you don't know all the details)
- **Remove:** We'll then review the details and the IWF will work to have it removed

THE YOTI APP

Download the App on your phone and follow the simple instructions to set up your account.

You can then report any images online you wish to be taken down.

App Store Preview

This app is only available on the App Store for iOS devices.

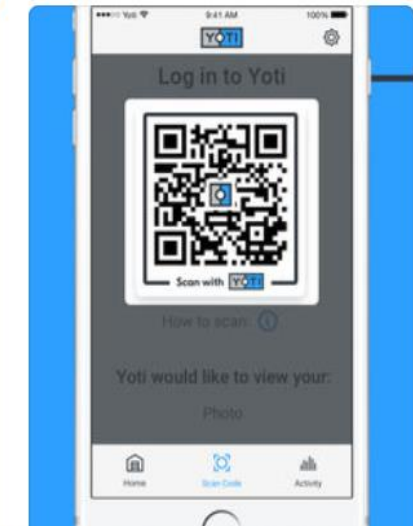
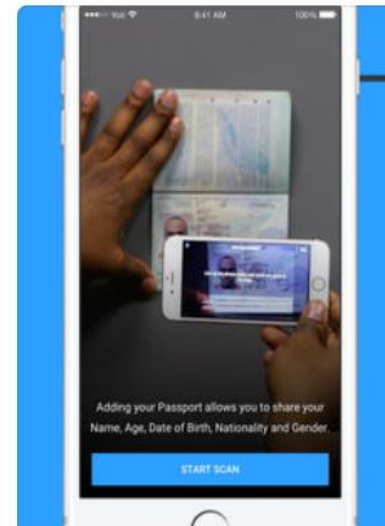
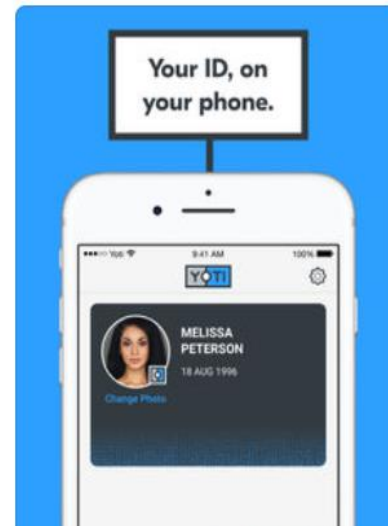


Yoti - Your digital identity 4+

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iPhone Screenshots



WORRIED? TALK TO US.....

This link provides useful information about the topic 'Sexting'.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/sexting>

If you are worried about anything discussed today, please talk to a member of staff at school or your parents at home.

We are here to help. There is no shame. Talk to us.