



# Online Safety Act 2023

## 2023 CHAPTER 50

### PART 10 U.K.

#### COMMUNICATIONS OFFENCES

##### *Offences to be inserted into Sexual Offences Act 2003*

#### 187 Sending etc photograph or film of genitals E+W

In the Sexual Offences Act 2003, after section 66 insert—

##### **“66A Sending etc photograph or film of genitals**

- (1) A person (A) who intentionally sends or gives a photograph or film of any person’s genitals to another person (B) commits an offence if—
  - (a) A intends that B will see the genitals and be caused alarm, distress or humiliation, or
  - (b) A sends or gives such a photograph or film for the purpose of obtaining sexual gratification and is reckless as to whether B will be caused alarm, distress or humiliation.
- (2) References to sending or giving such a photograph or film to another person include, in particular—
  - (a) sending it to another person by any means, electronically or otherwise,
  - (b) showing it to another person, and
  - (c) placing it for a particular person to find.
- (3) “Photograph” includes the negative as well as the positive version.
- (4) “Film” means a moving image.
- (5) References to a photograph or film also include—
  - (a) an image, whether made or altered by computer graphics or in any other way, which appears to be a photograph or film,

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- (b) a copy of a photograph, film or image within paragraph (a), and
  - (c) data stored by any means which is capable of conversion into a photograph, film or image within paragraph (a).
- (6) A person who commits an offence under this section is liable—
- (a) on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding the general limit in a magistrates’ court or a fine (or both);
  - (b) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years.”

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 187 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 240\(1\)](#)
- I2** [S. 187](#) in force at 31.1.2024 by [S.I. 2024/31, reg. 2](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 80(6A) inserted by [2024 c. 15 Sch. 7 para. 5\(2\)\(b\)](#)