

What is Upskirting?

Knowledge, Skills & Actions

To understand what upskirting is and where it might take place

To know what you can do if you're the victim / witness it and sources of help

To understand how upskirting affects people



3 Minutes

New Vocabulary

Upskirting; voyeurism;
consent;

In your booklet, answer these questions in the top box. What is upskirting?
Where do you think upskirting can take place?
How might upskirting affect the victim?

EFFECTIVE GROUND RULES

You don't have to say things about yourself if you don't want to (**You have the right to pass**)

Don't show the fact you are embarrassed through silliness

Use the agreed appropriate Language (**Avoid slang terms**)

PSHE CLASSROOM RULES DEALING WITH SENSITIVE TOPICS



**SAFEGUARDING YOUR WELFARE &
HAVING YOUR INTERESTS AT HEART**

Don't make assumptions about people's values, attitudes, behaviours, life experiences or feelings

There are **no stupid questions**. A question box for anonymous Questions

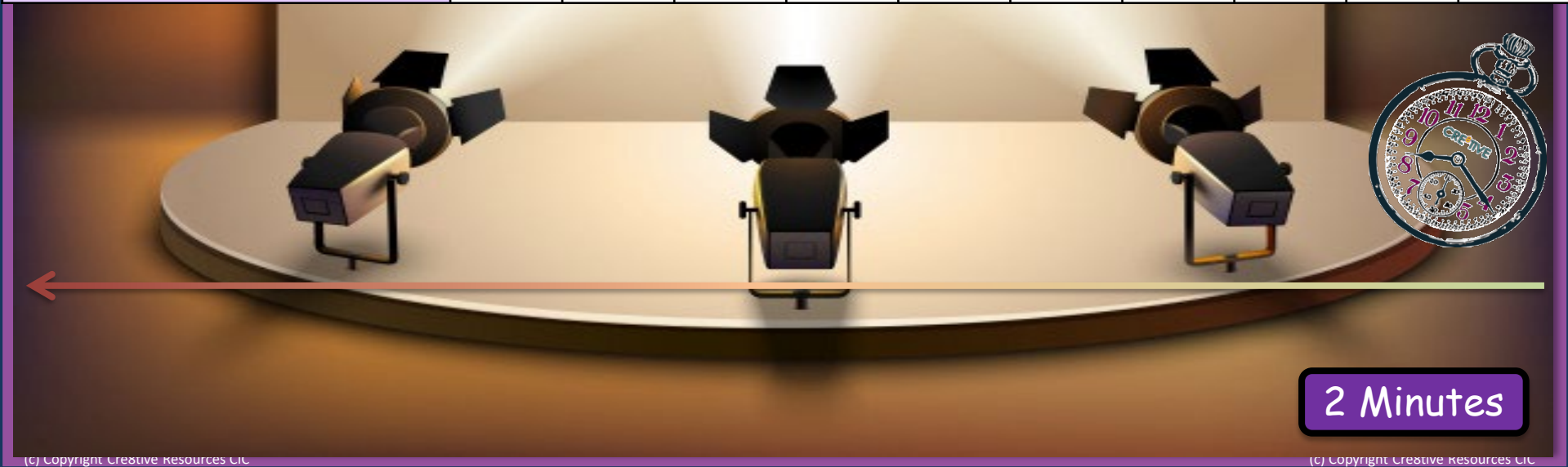
Have a **non-judgemental approach**. No Put downs and challenge the opinion not the person

Conversations stay in the room unless it is a **safeguarding issue**

Go to the front section of your booklet and complete a base line assessment of how confident you feel about the topics below.

BASELINE CONFIDENCE CHECKER

BEFORE THE LEARNING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
I can explain what upskirting is and how it happens										
I understand the legal consequences associated with upskirting and how to report it										
I understand the history of how upskirting has come about										

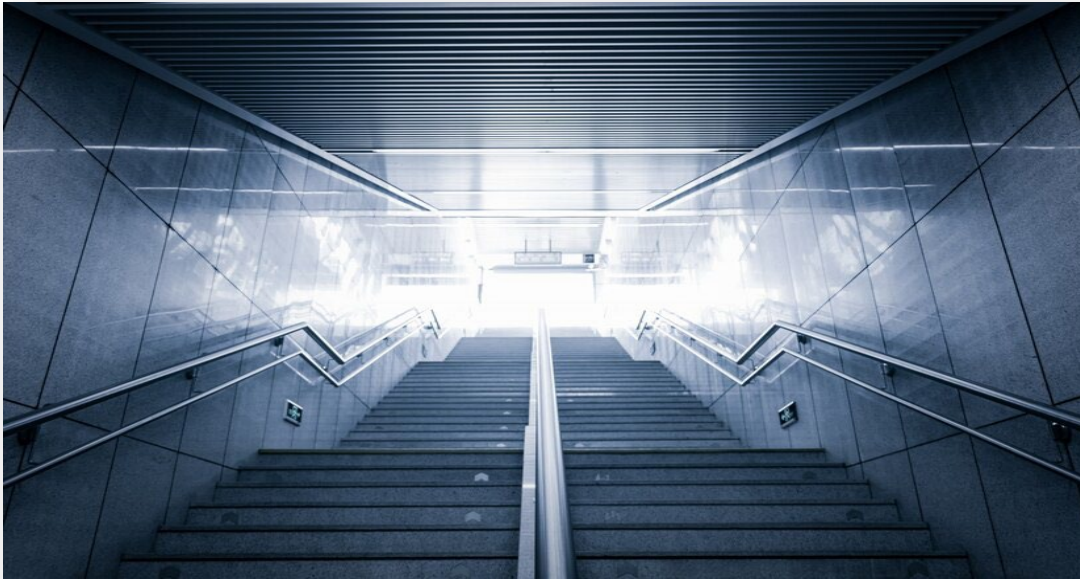


2 Minutes

School Case Study: Is this Upskirting?

Scenario 1

A group of lads stand on the staircase at school and try to look up girls' skirts. It happens to most people. The boys always stop when a teacher walks past.



Did you know?

it is never the victim / survivor's fault. No one deserves to be abused. Ever. Abuse is NOT 'just about sex' it's about power. Having power over someone else / having power taken away from you

As a class, discuss the following questions. Your teacher will give you one minute to silently think.

Is this abuse?

Why might girls not speak out?

Who could they tell?

What might happen?

Why does upskirting happen?

For people to get sexual gratification

To have a feeling of power over others

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In pairs, complete this mind map with reasons why upskirting happens.
You have 3 minutes.

Gina Martin's Story of Upskirting – Her successful campaign to change the law

“Today, the Voyeurism Act comes into effect and I’m so happy. Finally we have a fit-for-purpose law that protects against every instance of upskirting - as we should have always had.”

“But this is just the beginning. Please raise your voice and report if you are a victim or if you see someone become one - every report builds a picture so we can stop upskirting.”



Task 1: Your teacher will click on the picture to play the video.

Task 2: After the video, answer these questions in the video reflection box.

Why did Gina Martin campaign to make upskirting an offense?

How did she campaign?

Why do you think it wasn't a sexual offence in England and Wales?

Upskirting – Why the law has to change?



Task 1 - click on the image and play the video.

*Ministry of Justice
'Upskirting' campaigner Gina Martin interviews Justice Minister Lucy
Frazer MP on the law change.*

Task 2: In the second video reflection box, answer these questions.

- What are the day to day changes of this law?
- Who is Gina Martin?
- What is an Act of Parliament?
- What two areas were not previously covered in relation to Upskirting?



NEW UPSKIRTING LAWS IN ENGLAND & WALES

The criminal offence of 'upskirting' was created under the Voyeurism Act when it received Royal Assent in February. Police and prosecutors have now updated their guidance to ensure the law is properly enforced – with offenders facing up to 2 years in jail and being placed on the sex offenders register.

Offenders face up to 2 years in jail, with most serious put on sex offenders register.

What punishment can upskirting perpetrators face under the new law?

Perpetrators will face two years in prison. By criminalising this distressing practice, it is hoped that it deters people from committing the crime.

Upskirting, where committed to obtain sexual gratification, can result in the most serious offenders being placed on the sex offenders register.

The new law will send a clear message that such behaviour is criminal and will not be tolerated.

EXTRACTS FROM

- ***Voyeurism Act***

Task - Independently read through the text. You have 3 minutes.

What is Upskirting?

“Upskirting is a highly intrusive practice, which typically involves someone taking a picture under another person’s clothing without their knowledge, with the intention of viewing their genitals or buttocks (with or without underwear).

Upskirting is where someone takes a picture under a person’s clothing without their permission. It is now a specific criminal offence in England and Wales.

It can take place in a range of places, erg British Transport Police have seen a rise of reports on public transport.

The new law will capture instances where the purpose of the behaviour is to obtain sexual gratification, or to cause humiliation, distress or alarm.

Anyone, and any gender, can be a victim and this behaviour is completely unacceptable.” *UK Government*



Task: Your teacher will read through the slide with you.

What can victims of Upskirting do?

If you're a victim of upskirting, the police and other organisations are there to help you.

Please don't suffer in silence, seek support. You may want to speak to someone you already know and trust, or get in touch with a charity.

It's important to know your rights after a crime has taken place, the police will be able to talk you through this.

Victims of upskirting will be entitled to automatic protection, e.g. from being identified in the media (so they won't be able to publish any identifying details such as names, addresses or photos).

Task 1: Your teacher will read through the slide with you.

Task 2: Read through the information in your booklet, with what has been discussed and that, answer the questions.

You have 12 minutes.

Stretch: move onto the debate task at the bottom.



One Backbench MP shouted “object!” when the bill was presented to the Commons for its second reading. Under Commons procedure, a series of such bills are read out at the end of business without debate, and pass to the next stage only if no MP present verbally objects. If they do, the bill has to be presented again for second reading



A number of MPs pushed for upskirting to become a criminal offence in 2018 - however a bill criminalising the act was blocked in June 2018 by MP Sir Christopher Chope in the House of Commons. Chope faced furious backlash after he effectively killed off the proposed legislation.

Task: discuss in pairs, Why do you think one MP refused to agree to the new law?

You have 1 minute

WHAT DO YOU THINK?



"Students have more responsibility and power than teachers to eradicate upskirting in schools "

Talking points

I think that ...
I don't think... is right because...
My opinion is...
I would argue the same because...
I disagree with... because
Building on what
An alternate way of looking at this is...
I sort of agree, however....
In my view...
I would challenge what... said because ...

Task: read the statement, in pairs discuss arguments for and against. Write answers as well as your view in the box at the bottom.

You have 5 minutes.

REFLECTION PLENARY

I know if I need further support or help I could speak to.... or contact...

Before I could/would say and do ... but now I feel I am able to say

Before I only knew ... now I also know ...

I supported others by...

One thing I didn't realise was... now I know that...

The key words for this lesson are...

I always knew ... but now I can see how it connects to...

The most important thing I have learnt today is...

I'm really proud of the way I have...

I used to feel ... but I now feel ..

I would like to learn...

A question I would like to ask is...

Before I thought that ... but now I realise..

One assumption of mine that was challenged was...

Next lesson I would like to..

Today I have tried to...

Before I would have done... Now I will ...

Before I would have said ... but now I will say...

A problem I overcame today was...

2 Minutes

