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31 Days of December

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| Angel | Reindeer | Sled | Slice of cake | Garland | Fir cone | Wool socks |
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| Yule log | Snow globe | Candles | Cup of hot cocoa | Ginger- bread man | Christmas ornaments | Snow- covered house |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Wrapped gifts | Star | Christmas wreath | Christmas stocking | Christmas tree | Bells | Icicles |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Holly leaves and berries | Mistletoe | Confetti | Fireworks | . 1 | , , t | O & H |



Santa Advent Calendar

Stick a cotton wool ball onto Santa's beard each day in December to count down the days until Christmas



























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SNOWFLAKES SNOW BELLS HOLLY

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TREE LIGHTS SANTA WREATH DEER GINGERBREAD SNOWMAN WINTER SLEIGH

WorksheetsPDF.com



Christmas Craft Ideas





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How to Make Snow with Salt at Home

Ingredients:

About 2 cups of salt (iodized works best)

Cold water (add gradually)



Instructions:

Pour the salt into a mixing bowl. Add small amounts of cold water (1-2 teaspoons at a time).

Stir with a fork until the mixture reaches your desired texture...less water for powdery snow, more water for packable snow.

Shape and mold your snow into fun creations like snowmen or snowballs!

@TheDaycareTeacher Easy 2-Ingredient Fake Snow Recipe for Kids

Ingredients:

4 cups of flour

½ to 1 cup of coconut oil (or substitute with vegetable oil, olive oil, or baby oil)

Glitter (optional for sparkle)



Instructions:

Place 4 cups of flour in a bowl.

Start by adding ½ cup of oil and mix well. Gradually add more oil until the mixture holds together and can form "snowballs."

Sprinkle glitter for a shimmering effect (optional).



Christmas Yoga

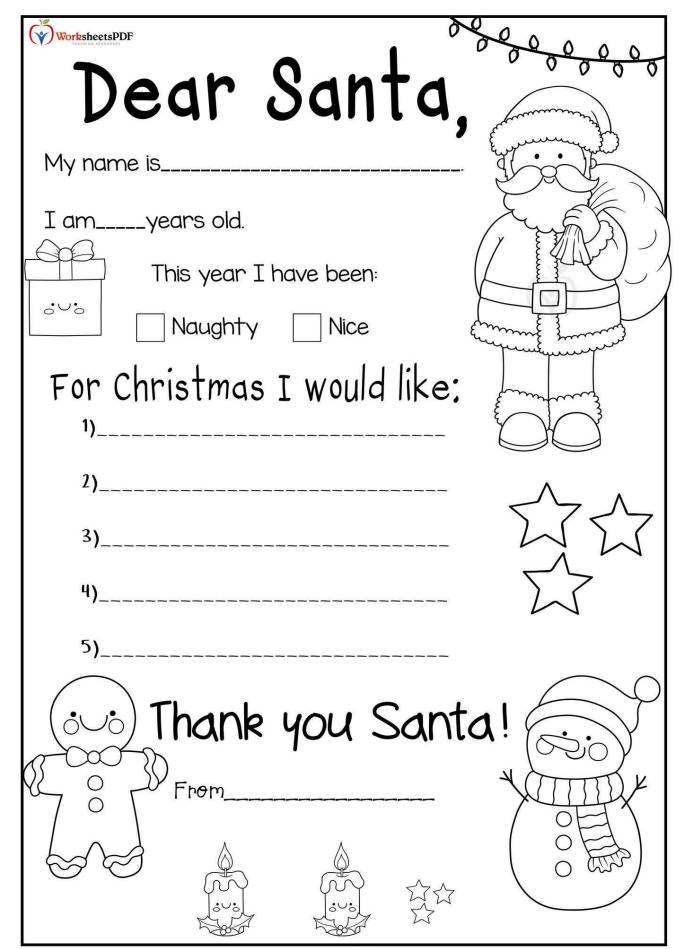
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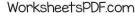




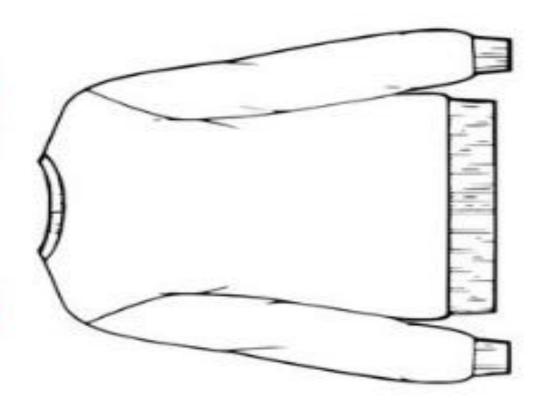


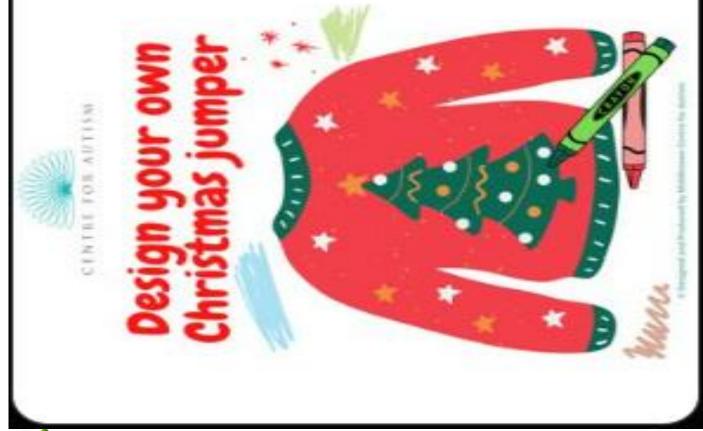
















Festive wildlife detective Dwildlife



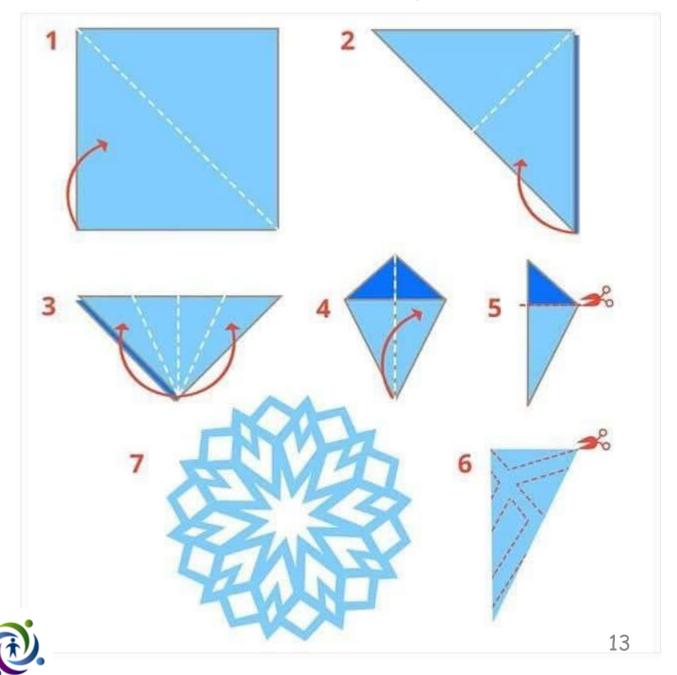
www.wildlifewatch.org.ul

Credits: Red-legged partridge, collared dove, pheasant and footprints in snow (c) Amy Lewis / Robin (c) Harry Hogg / Mistletoe (c) Zsuzsanna Bird / Greylag goose (c) Gillian Day / Mute swan (c) Neil Aldridge / Frosty landscape (c) David Mather / Red deer (c) Jon Hawkins





How to Make a Snowflake





Christmas on the Maritime Mile

Every evening for the Christmas season, SoundYard, SS Nomadic, Titanic Belfast and the Great Light are lighting up red!

Wrap up warm and take an evening stroll to discover the lights of the Maritime Mile.

The North Pole Post Box will be at Guildhall Square until Tuesday 16th December.

Don't forget to include your name and postal address. Santa has personally promised to respond to every letter received before the deadline.











https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/news/carrickferguschristmas-twinkle-281125



| my Year | My name |
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| in Review | The Year in Review |
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| Color | Book |
| Movie | Song |
| Food | Friend |
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| The hardest thing about this year was | |
| The coolest thing I did this year was | |
| Looking at Next Ye | ar L |
| I want to learn how to | |
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A Sensory Winter Walk

Write down some of the things you might see, hear, smell, feel and taste when out for a winter walk.

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1. example: robin

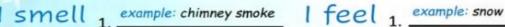


I hear 1. example: leaves crunching

































Neuro-Inclusive Santa Letter

| SOME SAFE FOODS TO EAT | SOMETHING COMFY TO WEAR |
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| A QUIET PLACE FOR A BREAK | SOMETHING ELSE THAT WILL HELP MAKE IT GREAT |
| | WILL HELP PIANE II GREAT |









Visitors at Christmas



At Christmas, my family or friends might come to visit my home. Sometimes, it is one person and sometimes there might be more. It is okay to feel nervous or excited when visitors arrive.



There are things that I can do to make myself feel comfortable. I also know that my family are always here to support me.



When visitors arrive, I may hear the doorbell ring or a knock to the door. I may know some of the visitors and some may be new to me.



I might hear people talking and laughing because they are excited to say hello. Sometimes visitors might also bring gifts. I can choose to say hi, wave, stay close to my family or go to a quiet, comfortable place, like my bedroom.



At any time, it's okay for me to take a break and go to my bedroom or to another cosy place where I can relax. I can use my favourite to feel calm.



My family understand that I might need breaks. If I want someone from my family to come with me to my quiet space, I can ask.



After a few hours, visitors will say goodbye and leave, and things will go back to normal again.



Christmas can be fun, by preparing myself I know that I can handle things being different in my own way and I can feel proud of myself.



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Whether you're looking for fun inside or outside the home, accessible gifts and toys or want to enjoy your seasonal trip to the pantomime, this RNIB guide has your Christmas covered.

https://media.rnib.org.uk/documents/The_Joy_Mak ers_Guide_to_Christmas.pdf



Autism and Christmas



Christmas can be a really fun time, but it's not always easy for everyone. For some autistic people, all the changes like different routines, bright lights, loud sounds, and surprises can feel a bit overwhelming. It's okay to feel that way, and there are ways to make things calmer and more comfortable.

Autism NI has put together this helpful guide packed with tips to make Christmas feel a bit less stressful. They know that Christmas looks different for everyone, and that's totally okay - this resource is all about making the festive season work for you!

https://autismni.org/assets/general/files/2022AutismNIF actsheet-AutismandChristmas.pdf





Christmas is often filled with joy and celebration, but it can also be a challenging time for many autistic children and young people as it brings changes to routine, new foods, family gatherings, bright lights and loud music.

Here are some strategies from Belfast Health & Social Care Trust's Child and Adolescent Autism Service, to help make Christmas a little easier and enjoyable for children and young people who struggle with many of the changes and sensory aspects of Christmas.

https://view.pagetiger.com/autismatchristmas/1



Christmas is a time of joy and celebration, but it can be difficult for some autistic people. The National Autism Society have compiled a list of autism-friendly tips for the festive period.

https://autism.org.uk/advice-andguidance/topics/going-out-leisureand-travel/christmas/tips



It's that time of year when days are more likely to be filled with changes and unusual events. This calendar from Middletown Centre from Autism can be used to clarify what is happening each day, especially when there is a change to the normal routine.



COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

2025



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| 21 | 22 | 23 | Christmas Eve | 25 Christmas Day | Boxing Day St. Stephen's Day | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | New Years Eve | NEW | PPY VEAV | 202 |





Christmas is such an exciting time of year! A But for many autistic children and young people, it can also bring stress.

Check out these tips from EA's Autism Advisory & Intervention Team to help make this festive season special and stress-free for everyone.

Let's spread joy while supporting our autistic community!

Top Tips for an Autism Friendly Christmas at home

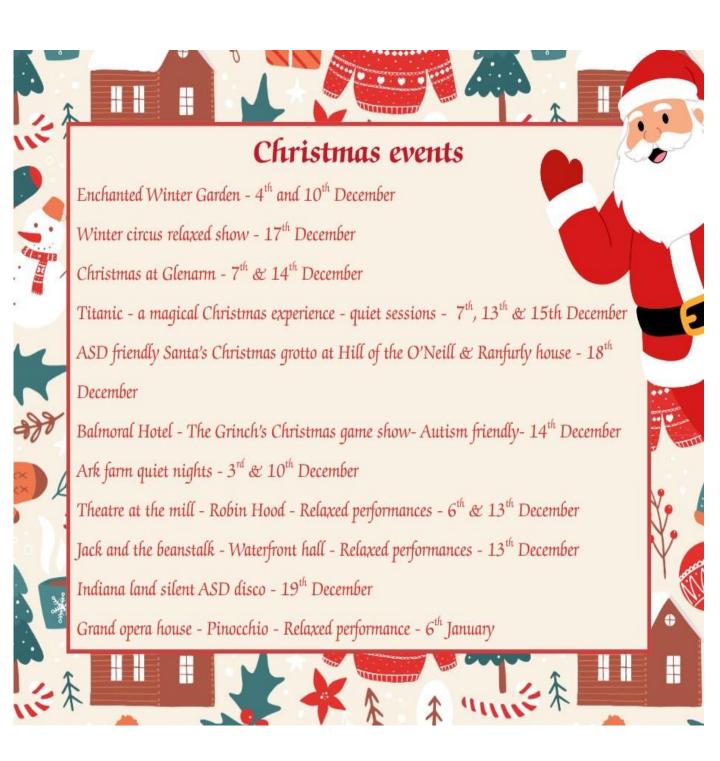
All I want for...

- C Communicate with me about change and be consistent with my routines
- **H** Help me to prepare for decorating a little at a time, I like the room just as it is
- R Remember to use a calendar to plan our visits together to relatives and outings
- I I love it when you let me wear my regular clothes and have my calm box with me
- **S** Surprises may not work well for me- give me clues for what my presents will be
- T Try to use social stories and photos to remind me of what Christmas looked like for us last year
- M Maybe I could eat my own food that tastes nice to me
- A Allow me time to recharge my batteries and settle with routines after the holiday
- S So all I want for Christmas is you, patient and predictable you



***** PLEASE NOTE: THERE MAY BE A CHARGED ASSOCIATED WITH THESE EVENTS *****

Places offering quiet sessions, relaxed performances, and inclusive events designed to make family time more enjoyable and accessible.









Youth Wellness Web

A place where everyone deserves to be helped at any time, no matter how big or small the problem is!

If you're struggling, it's okay to reach out:

SCHOOL
BULLYING
WELLBEING
BEREAVEMENT
MENTAL HEALTH

Visit cypsp.hscni.net/youth-wellness-web/

> Call Childline on: 0800 1111



Call LIFELINE on: 0808 8080

Text Shout: 852558

Deaf & hard of hearing textphone users: 18001 0808 808 8000

https://cypsp.hscni.net/youthwellness-web/





This is a hug from me to you, to let you know I am thinking of you.

Although I have nothing to Say, you Know I have thought of you today. Winnie the Pooh







December Kindness 2025

Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

MONDAY

- Do something helpful for a friend or family member
 - Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

something

positive to say

to everyone

you speak to

Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

TUESDAY

someone you can't be with

to see how

they are

- wholeheartedly to others without judging them Look for
 - 17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

Bring joy to

others. Share

something which

made you laugh

WEDNESDAY

Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

Listen

Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

THURSDAY «

Support a

charity, cause or campaign you

really care about

Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

Get outside. Pick up litter or kind for nature

FRIDAY

Give a gift to

someone who is homeless or

feeling lonely

Be generous.

Feed someone

with food, love or

kindness today

Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

SATURDAY

Leave a

positive

message for

to find

See how

many different people you can

smile at today

Help others

by giving away

something that

you don't need

Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

SUNDAY

Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

Share a

happy memory

thought with

a loved one

Appreciate

thank people

who do things

for you



Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

Congratulate

someone for an achievement

that may go

unnoticed

Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why





ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



Every young person should know they are

safe to feel their feelings

never a burden

not weak for needing support

free to learn and grow

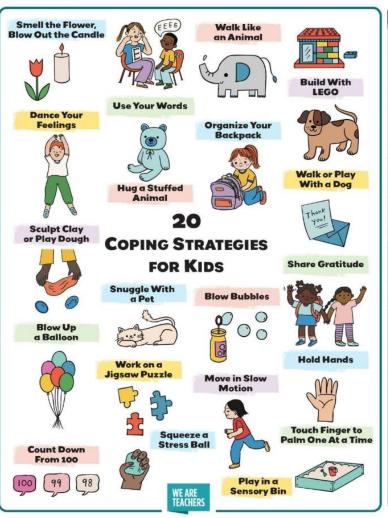
okay to make mistakes

















dness Advent Calendar 2 Friday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Saturday Sunday Thursday 1. Tell a 2. Tidy up your 3. Give someone 4. Check in on 5. Sing a 6. Dance around 7. Feed the birds **Christmas** song the house to Christmas Joke a big smile! someone and or put out some toys with a friend to make how they are Christmas music water for the someone laugh animals feeling 8. Hold the door 9. Make a 11. Write a list 12. Give a hug to 14. Share a 10. Do something 13. Go on a open for Christmas card that makes you of what you are someone special winter walk Christmas treat thankful for someone for a friend laugh with someone 15. Make a 16. Share your 17. Draw a 18. Pick up litter 19. Leave a kind 20. Share a story 21. Do a chore in Christmas toys with Christmas while out for a note for your your house with someone decoration with picture for someone to teacher a friend make them smile someone at home 22. Compliment 23. Help to wrap 24. Wish 25. MERRY CHRISTMAS! someone a Merry 3 people a present for someone Christmas!









If Christmas is hard, If you've lost someone dear, Just look in your heart, And you'll know they're still here. The start in the sky, The light falling snow, The robin outside, It seems like they know. If this is a time. When you are struggling through, Just do what you can, For what matters, is you. There's no need to be merry, There's no need to be bright, Just do what you can, It will be alright.

(Credit for the poem goes to Lorna @tootsdesign)









Activities can be a useful way to help grieving children and young people to explore and express their feelings and emotions and to help them maintain memories of the person who has died. Winston's Wish have a range of activities to try including a mental health first aid kit and story stones.

Activities for bereaved children and young people - https://www.winstonswish.org/activities/

Christmas grief activities for children and young people - https://winstonswish.org/christmas-grief-activities/

Ways to remember someone at Christmas



Christmas can be really difficult when you're grieving. When you're bombarded with memories of the years before, it can be hard not to spend the day thinking of those who have died. If you're facing Christmas after a bereavement, it might help to find some special ways to remember them.

Ways to remember someone at Christmas - https://www.cruse.org.uk/understanding-grief/managing-grief/ways-to-remember-someone-at-christmas/







A-Z Tips

"Making a memory jar helped a lot as it reassured me that there were still memories there."



<u>Tips from young people on</u> <u>managing grief</u>



Free downloadable resources from Child Bereavement UK



'When someone special dies' is a series of leaflets aimed at helping young people to understand their feelings after a bereavement.

There are versions available to download for children under 7 and from 7-11 and for young people.

To view and download the leaflets:

childbereavementuk.org/when-someone-special-dies-leaflets





Coping at Christmas

Ways to remember your special person during Christmas.

- On Christmas morning, light a candle to remember the person who died, acknowledge that you will miss them today.
- · Take time to listen to some music maybe their favourite music.
- Write a memory on a star tag.
- Talk with other family members about your memories of your special person and how you feel about them not being here.
- Write a note to them letting out all the things you would like to share with them.
- · Make or buy a new frame for your favourite photograph.
- Blow some bubbles sending some love and a thought with each bubble.
- Eat their favourite Christmas food, as a way of remembering them.
- Visit the grave or a place they enjoyed going.

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Benefits of Playing







SIMPLE PLAY AND CRAFT IDEAS





Santa, Santa, where's your sleigh? Flying through the sky today. With reindeer pulling all the toys, For all the little girls and boys. Santa, Santa, where's your sleigh? Flying through the sky today!

(Tune: London Bridge Is Falling Down)*

Christmas tree is shining bright, Shining bright, shining bright. Christmas tree is shining bright, Oh, what a lovely sight!

Let's Decorate

Let's decorate the tree, Let's decorate the tree. With lights and bows and ornaments.

Let's decorate the tree!



Santa has a big red sleigh. Big red sleigh, big red sleigh. Santa has a big red sleigh. To bring us toys today!

Ring, ring, ring the bells, Ring them loud and clear. Santa's coming very soon. Christmas time is here!



Eight iittie reindeer pulling Santa's sled. One fell down and bumped his head. The elves called Santa & Santa said. "Can seven little reindeer pull my sled?"

Continue down to one little reindeer...

One little reindeer pulling Santa's sled. He fell down and bumped his head. The elves called Santa & Santa said, "Call Rudolph!"







Snowflake, Snowflake

The Day care Teacher

Snowflake, snowflake twirl around. Snowflake, snowflake touch the ground. Snowflake, snowflake land on my nose.

Snowflake, snowflake freeze my toes. Snowflake, snowflake in the air. Snowflake, snowflake

tickle you everywhere!

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Fun Turkey Facts for Kids to Enjoy!

Only male turkeys. called toms, gobble. Female turkeys, or hens. make softer sounds.

A group of turkeys is called a flock or a rafter.

A turkey's head changes color (red, blue, or white) based on its mood.

> A baby turkey is called a poult.

Turkeys have excellent eyesight and can see nearly 360 degrees.

Turkeys sleep in trees to stay safe from predators.

Benjamin Franklin admired turkeys and thought they were more respectable than bald eagles.

Turkeys have over 5.000 feathers.

Wild turkeys can run up to 20 mph and fly at 55 mph for short distances.





Winter An Geimhreadh ann gave-rue



How is the weather today?

Cad é mar atá an aimsir inniu?

Ca-jay mar a-taw aan am-sher in-you?

It's...

Tá sé

Ta shay...

cold
freezing
snowing
raining
cloudy

windy

fuar sioctha fuar ag cur sneachta ag cur fearthainne scamallach gaofar

shuck-hee foor
ig kur snyackta
ig kur farheenya
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Santa is coming

geefar





Tá Daidí na Nollag ag teacht



Taa Da-gee na null-ig ag cha-akt





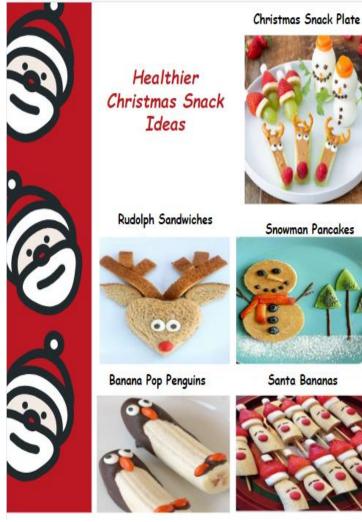


















No young person should have to navigate alone how distressing and scary it can be to have an image or video shared.

Childline Service and the Internet Watch Foundation are working together to keep young people safe online.

Search 'Report Remove' to find out more



Our Childline Report Remove tool helps under 18s confidentially report and remove sexual images and videos of themselves from the internet.

There's 3 steps →

Confirm age

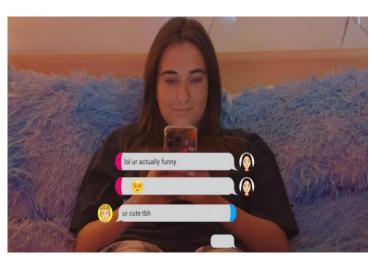
If they're 13 or older, they can choose to use an age verification service called Yoti.

Sign in

Create or sign in to a Childline account to make a report and stay updated.

Report

Share the image or video securely. Specialists from the Internet Watch Foundation will work to remove the content.



Sextortion Awareness Video

Video created by young people from Cookstown Youth Centre, aimed at raising awareness around the issue of Sextortion

This impactful piece is the combination of a 10-month programme that began with a focus on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls and evolved into a vital exploration of online safety following insightful discussions with PSNI officers who work in in the field of online safety.

