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## Parent - Digital Safety Newsletter

### 1ST CYBER FLASHING CONVICTION

Cyber flashing involves offenders sending an unsolicited sexual image to people via social media or dating apps but can also be over data sharing services such as Bluetooth and Airdrop. In some instances, a preview of the photo can appear on a person's device – meaning that even if the transfer is rejected victims are forced into seeing the image.

A registered sex offender from Basildon was the first person in England and Wales to be convicted of cyber-flashing, which became an offence on 31 January 2023.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

On May 22nd at 1pm and July 5th at 11am we are hosting Are You Scam Savvy? webinars. These free 1.5hr webinars are open to anyone who wants to keep themselves, or friends and family, from falling victim to different types of scams, including: telephone, courier, and romance fraud.

To book your place, click the link for your chosen date below:

[May 22nd - Eventbrite](#)

[July 5th - Eventbrite](#)



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## PODCAST

Ineqe's latest podcast episode discusses the concerning surge in Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) image crimes, emphasising the role of social media platforms and the urgent need for regulatory action.

Additionally, Instagram's new message editing feature and safety updates are examined.

Also, listen to how the celebrated World Book Day with the release of a brand new picture book, all about Friendship online.

Listen to the new podcast episode:

[Bookshelf Buzz, Troubling Statistics and Instagram Updates - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](#)

## ONLINE CHALLENGES

Online challenges are where people take part in or mimic games, activities or dares. They appear on social media, and due to the large following, they can go viral very quickly.

Whilst some online challenges can be harmless, others pose huge danger and can even cause death. You might have heard about a recent, tragic incident involving an 11-year-old boy in Lancashire who lost his life after reportedly taking part in a dangerous trend called 'chroming' during a sleepover. Chroming involves inhaling harmful substances.

Read more about chroming:  
[Dangerous Challenge Raises Concerns - Ineqe Safeguarding Group](#)

Learn more about online challenges  
[Online Viral Challenges – Internet Matters](#)

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