ARE YOU THE INSTIGATOR OF **MALICIOUS COMMUNICATION?**

STOP NOW



This is a criminal offence, which could result in prosecution and a criminal record.



Malicious communication relates to the sending of indecent, offensive or threatening letters, electronic communication or articles with the intent to cause the recipient distress or anxiety.

OFFENDING BEHAVIOUR VIA ELECTRONIC & WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

MAY INCLUDE BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

COMMUNICATION METHOD



















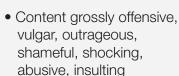








THE CONTENT



- That is indecent, degrading, humiliating, improper, especially in relation to sexual matters
- That is of a threatening nature and the threat is believed to be real
- That is sent using false information that is believed to be false by the sender
- Sent to cause the person or anyone else distress or anxiety

ADVICE

A CRIME

- Malicious communication is a criminal offence. which could result in prosecution and a criminal record
- Think before you press SEND the offence is completed once the communication is sent, and there is no requirement that the intended victim has to actually receive the communication
- STOP and think how the other party might INTERPRET your behaviour
- STOP and consider the potential IMPACT of your communication
- Do NOT communicate further if you have been asked to stop, as this could constitute harassment
- Do NOT encourage others to join in the behaviour
- Seek HELP if you feel you cannot control your behaviour

FURTHER SUPPORT

Samaritans: www.samaritans.org Get Safe Online: www.getsafeonline.org