

Up Skirting

What it is

- the action or practice of surreptitiously taking photos or videos at an angle so as to see up a woman's skirt or dress. Upskirting often occurs in a public crowded place, making it hard for the victim to know that a photograph is being taken, victims are often distressed and feel humiliated. It is a criminal offence, perpetrators will face two years in prison. By criminalising this distressing practice, it is hoped that it deters people from committing the crime.

Signs

- Unexplained changes in behaviour or personality, becoming withdrawn, often having phone in hand when walking round, spending long times looking at phones

What to do

- Log your concerns on cpoms pass the slip to one of the DSL's
- Try to be non-judgemental.
- Let the person know that you are there for them.
- Relate to them as a whole person
- Speak to someone

Useful Websites

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/upsirting-know-your-rights>
- <https://www.wmblaw.co.uk/up-skirting-and-the-law/>

Questions

- What is upskirting?
- Is it a criminal offence?