SHEHAP

Prevention of Sexual Harassment in Secondary Schools

Case materials /answers

Case 1 Jenny

- Jimmy's actions are against the law. Jenny should tell about this to a grown-up (her parents/teacher/school nurse), who could help Jenny to make a report of an offence.
- Jenny might feel shame, guilt or anxiety in this situation. She should, however, realize that the situation is not her fault, it's entirely Jimmy's fault.
- Jenny shouldn't tell Jimmy that she has told about the situation to a grown-up. It's best not to react to Jimmy's texts.
- Jenny shouldn't delete Jimmy's texts because they might be useful later when they are investigating the crime.



Case 2 Mindy

- a. Mindy and Hannah have only talked anonymously. Either one of them could be a totally different person in real life than they have told online. One of them might be, for example, a grown-up who has bad intentions about the meeting. Posing as a teenage girl might be a way to lure the target into a meeting. Even if the other one has shared photos or videos doesn't mean that the person is who she says she is.
- b. Both of them should tell about the meeting to a grown up who could come to the meeting as well. In addition the first meeting should always happen in a public place where there are other people also. If the other one isn't who she was supposed to be or the meeting starts to feel distressing, it's easier to leave from a public place.



Case 3 Julia

- Julia hasn't done anything wrong, so she has no reason to feel guilt or shame, even though those feelings are natural. The commentators should get all the blame.
- It's understandable that the situation feels distressing to Julia. She should talk about the situation to someone close or trustworthy. Talking about it relieves anxiety and helps to understand that it wasn't her fault.
- Julia should block all the accounts that send her unpleasant messages. She should also ignore the messages and just delete them right away.
- Julia thought sharing videos and pictures was motivating, so she shouldn't change her way of acting just because someone else is acting wrong.



Case 4 Miranda

- You need a consent to have sex in a relationship as well.
- Threatening someone to have sex is a form of sexual harassment. Tony is acting wrong in the situation. Miranda should wonder if she wants to be in a relationship with a person who pressures him and doesn't care about her feelings.

