

Understanding Emojis

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In today's digital landscape, emojis have transcended their original playful purposes, often serving as covert symbols for various illicit activities. Understanding these hidden meanings is crucial for parents aiming to safeguard their children from potential online dangers. This comprehensive guide delves into emojis associated with drugs, sexual content, crime, incel culture, misogyny, and other concerning areas, alongside pertinent slang terms, acronyms, and hashtags.

1. Drug-Related Emojis

Emojis are frequently employed to discreetly reference drug-related topics. Here are some commonly used symbols:




Marijuana:

 (Herb) /  (Leaf Fluttering in Wind) /  (Deciduous Tree) – Represent marijuana or cannabis-related products.

Cocaine:

 (Snowflake) /  (Snowman) /  (Fish) – Symbols indicating cocaine use or availability.

MDMA/Ecstasy:

 (Candy) /  (Lollipop) /  (Pill) – Used to denote MDMA or ecstasy.





Ketamine:

 (Horse) – References ketamine, known as a horse tranquilizer.




Nitrous Oxide (NOS):


 (Balloon) – Indicates nitrous oxide usage.

General Drug References:

 (Banana) /  (Cherries) /  (Cookie) /  (Chocolate Bar) – These emojis can symbolise various drugs, particularly in the context of edibles or specific drug slang.

Drug Dealers:

 (Electric Plug) /  (Test Tube) /  (Syringe) – Used to represent drug dealers or sources.

 **Hashtags to Watch:** #Weed #420 #Snow #XTC #PluggedIn

2. Sex-Related Emojis

Certain emojis are employed to convey sexual content or intentions subtly:

Body Parts:

🍆 (Eggplant) – Male genitalia. 🍌 (Banana) – Male genitalia. 🌭 (Hot dog) – Male genitalia. 🍑 (Peach) – Butt. 🍒 (Cherries) – Butt, breasts, and/or testicles. 🐱 (Cat) – Female genitalia. 🕊️ (Peace hand sign) – Female genitalia. 🌮 (Taco) – Female genitalia.

Sexual Desire & Flirtation:

🔥 (Fire) – Sexual desire or lust. 😳 (Hot face) – Sexual desire or lust. 😈 (Smiling face with horns) – Sexual desire or lust. 😏 (Smirking face) – Sexual desire or lust.

Sexual Acts & References:

🔪 (Screwdriver) – Intercourse. 🤞👉 (Point right + OK hand sign) – Intercourse. 🤞 (Point right) – Fingering. 🍍 (Pineapple) – Swinging or sharing partners. 🧠 (Brain) – Oral sex. 🌪️ (Tongue) – Oral sex. 🤔 (Thinking face) – Oral sex. 🤞 (OK hand sign) – Anal sex. 🍩 (Donut) – Anal sex. 🍲 (Steaming bowl) – Nude photos. 👁️👁️ (Eyes) – Requesting nude photos. 🌽 (Corn) – Pornography. 🌋 (Volcano) – Orgasm. 🍷 (Bottle with popping cork) – Orgasm. 💧 (Water droplets) – Any sexual fluids. 🥜 (Peanut) – Ejaculating.

🔍 **Hashtags to Watch:** #BodyCount #Thirsty #SendNudes

3. Crime and Gang-Related Emojis

Emojis can also be utilised to signify involvement in criminal activities:

Weapons and Violence:

🔫 (Pistol) / 💣 (Bomb) / 🔪 (Kitchen Knife) – Represent weapons or violent intentions.

Theft and Illegal Activities:

🚬 (Cigarette) / 🧨 (Firecracker) / 🏴‍☠️ (Pirate Flag) – May indicate involvement in illegal activities or rebellious behaviour.

🔍 **Hashtags to Watch:** #Glock #NoCap #TrapLife

4. Incel, Misogyny, and Online Radicalisation

Certain emojis have been adopted by online communities promoting misogyny and radical ideologies.

What is an Incel?

The term **incel** stands for "involuntary celibate," referring to an online subculture of mostly men who believe they are unable to attract romantic or sexual partners despite desiring them. Incels often engage in misogynistic, extremist, or self-deprecating discussions, blaming women and societal structures for their perceived lack of success in relationships. Some incel communities foster toxic ideologies that promote hostility toward women and even advocate for violence.

Incel Symbols:

 (Red Apple) /  (Kidney Bean) /  (Pill) /  (100) – Used within incel communities to identify members or express beliefs.

Misogynistic Symbols:

 (Ogre) /  (Goblin) /  (Ghost) – Employed to demean or objectify women.

 **Hashtags to Watch:** #RedPill #SigmaMale #MGTOW

5. Expanded Acronyms and Slang Terms

Beyond emojis, various slang terms and acronyms are used to communicate covertly:

Commonly Used Acronyms:

1174: "Nude club"

1337 and L337: "Elite"

143: "I love you"

182: "I hate you"

420: "Marijuana"

459: "I love you"

8: "Oral sex"

ADR: "Address"

AEAP: "As Early As Possible"

AF: "As f***"

ALAP: "As Late As Possible"

AMA: "Ask me anything," a Q&A style discussion with the author of a post

AMAA: "Ask me almost anything"

ADN: "Any Day Now"

ASLP: "Age/Sex/Location/Picture"

ASMR: "Autonomous Sensory Meridian Response" meaning something gave you chills

AUS: Ask us anything

Banana: "Penis"

BTO: "Bathroom time off"

CCW: "Comments and criticism welcome"

CD9: "Code 9" meaning parents are around

CMV: "Change my view"

DAE: "Does anybody else or does anyone else"

DM;HS: "Doesn't matter; had sex"

DPW: "D*** pictures welcome"

DTF: "Down to f***" – which means I want to have sex OR I would like to join you in the plans you suggested. When used in question form it means, do you think he/she would sleep with me or do you think he/she would want to come with us?

DUM: "Do you masturbate?"

DUSL: "Do you scream loud?"

ELI5: "Explain like I'm 5 (years old)"

F2F: "Face-to-Face" meaning FaceTime

FB: "F*** buddy"

FBOI: "F*** boy" meaning a guy looking for sex

FIFY and FTFY: "Fixed It For You" and "Fixed that for you", respectively

FMLTWIA: "F*** me like the w**** I am"

FOL: "Fond of leather"

FOMO (Fear of Missing Out): FOMO is when a student (or adult) experiences anxiety that an exciting event may currently be happening elsewhere, often prompted by posts seen on social media

FR: "For real"

FWB: "Friends with benefits"

FWP: "First world problems"

FYP: "For you page"

GG: "Good game"

GGG: reference to the "Good Guy Greg" or "Good Girl Gina" meme

GIS: "Google Image Search"

GNRN: "Get Naked Right Now"

GOAT: "Greatest of all time!"

GNOC: "Get naked on camera"

GTFO: "Get the f**k out"

GTG: "Got to go"

GYPO: "Get your pants off"

HAK: "Hugs and kisses"

HIFW: "How I feel when"

HMB: "Hold my beer"

HMU: Hit me up

IAmA: "I am a." This is the standard way to begin the title of an AMA (Ask me anything) post

IANAD: "I am not a doctor"

IANAL: "I am not a lawyer"

IAYM: "I am your master"

ICYMI: "In case you missed it"

IDC: I don't care

IDGAF: "I don't give a f***" – which means I don't care at all

IDK: I don't know

IF and IB: "In the front" or "In the back", respectively

IYKYK: "If you know you know"

IMO or IMHO: "In my opinion" and "In my humble/honest opinion"

IIRC: "If I recall correctly"

ILY and ILU: "I love you"

IRL: "In real life"

ISO: "In search of"

ITT: "In this thread"

IYKYK: "If you know you know" meaning an inside joke

JOMO: "Joy of missing out"

KMS: "Kill myself"

KPC: "Keeping Parents Clueless"

KYS: "Kill yourself"

LB: "Like back"

LMAO: "Laugh my a** off"

LMD: "Let me die"

LMIRL: "Let's meet in real life"

LMP: "Like my pic"

LOL: "Laugh out loud"

LoL: "League of Legends", a popular online game

MRW and MFW: "My reaction when" and "My face when", respectively

MOS: "Mom Over Shoulder"

NIFOC: "Naked in front of their computer"

NP: "No problem"

NSFL: "Not safe for life" (explicit and offensive; often gore)

NSFW: "Not safe for work" or inappropriate for minors

OAG: References the "Overly attached girlfriend" meme

OC: "Original content", meaning the author of the post created the content shown or linked in the post or "Open crib", meaning no parents will be at home or at a gathering or party

OFC: "Of course"

OG: Meaning "original" or "original gangster"

OMFG: "Oh my f**king god"

OOTL: "Out of the loop"

OP: "Original poster" meaning the author of the post

P911: "Parent Alert"

PIR: "Parent In Room"

PMOYS: "Put me on your Snapchat"

POS: "Parents over shoulder"

PSA: "Public service announcement"

Pu: "Pull up"

ROTFLMAO: "Rolling on the floor laughing my as* off"

RT: "Retweet"

SALTS: "Smiled a little then stopped"

sksksk: The sound you make when you hit lots of keys at once on your keyboard

Skr: To stop unexpectedly

SMDH: "Shaking my damn head"

SMH: "Shaking my head" or "that's so dumb"

SFS: "Shoutout for Shoutout"

SO: "Significant other"

STFU: "Shut the f**k up"

SU: "Swipe up/Shut up"

Sus: "Suspect" or "Suspicious"

T: Gossip or talking behind someone's back

TBH: "To be honest"

TDTM: "Talk dirty to me"

TFW: "That feeling when"

TIFU: "Today I f**ked up"

TIL: "Today I learned"

TL;DR: "Too long; Didn't read." Sometimes used as a synonym for "summary"

V: "Very"

WIP: "Work in progress"

WTF: "What the f**k?"

WTH: "What the he**"

WTM: "What's the move?"

WUF: "Where you from?"

WYA: "Where you at?"

WYD: "What you doing?"

WYLL: "What you look like?"

YASS or YEET: A very strong way to say "yes"

YK: "You know"

YMMV: "Your mileage may vary"

YSK: "You should know"

 **Hashtags to Watch:** #Code9 #DTF #FWB #KMS #NSFW #OOTL

What Can Parents Do?

- ◆ **Stay Informed:** Regularly research slang, emojis, and acronyms.
- ◆ **Have Open Conversations:** Talk to your child about online safety without judgment.
- ◆ **Monitor Usage:** Check their social media and messages periodically, ensuring privacy boundaries are respected.
- ◆ **Use Parental Controls:** Enable settings that restrict explicit content and online interactions.
- ◆ **Seek Help When Needed:** If you suspect risky behaviour, reach out for help.

Next Steps

You're not in this alone. I work as a parent coach, supporting parents in navigating 21st century challenges, including the digital world. I support parents in communicating effectively and building relationships with their children based on mutual respect and trust. In this day and age, parents need to be the safe space for their children. I also run sessions for schools and organisations on topics related to 21st century parenting, including screentime and the digital world.

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