

Sexting

What is it?

Sending sexually explicit messages, photos, or videos via cell phone, computer, or any digital device.

Sexting may include photos and videos containing nudity or showing simulated or real sex acts. It also includes text messages that discuss or propose sex acts or other sexually explicit exchanges.

Why is it a Problem?

A photo shared between two people can quickly become a viral phenomenon. Teens may believe it will be kept private and then discover it has been shared widely with their peers, sometimes with grave consequences.

If you create, keep or send a picture of someone under 18 it is illegal.

Statistics...

- At least 1 in 4 teens are receiving sexually explicit texts and emails
- At least 1 in 7 are sending sexts
- More than 1 in 10 teens are forwarding sexts without consent
- About 1 in 12 teens have had sexts they've sent forwarded without their consent


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