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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...

- 1 in 3 minors reported having an online sexual interaction.
- 1 in 7 minors have shared their own self-generated child sexual abuse material.
- 1 in 5 minors reported having seen nonconsensually reshared self-generated child sexual abuse material.
- Fewer than 1 in 10 minors reported having nonconsensually reshared self-generated child sexual abuse material.


Thorn


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