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Sexting – What's It All About?



'Sexting' is the name used for sharing sexual images, videos or texts with someone (or lots of people), usually over the internet or via your mobile phone.

A lot of young people think that this is a normal part of relationships these days...they may think 'what's the problem?'

**They pose... they sext
but they don't think
'What Happens Next?'**

***I never intended
for any of this
to happen.***



*Miley Cyrus, 2011, after
naked photos she had sent
to her then boyfriend ended up
on a Celebrity gossip website,
and went viral*

The fact is that Sexting can have serious consequences and cause you loads of grief...trouble with the law, your friends, school mates, family, even getting a job in the future! It can leave you feeling pretty rubbish about yourself too.

**Get the facts first -
make your own choice.**

So what exactly is it?

Sexting can come in many forms, and some people aren't even aware that what they are sending might get them in trouble.

Did you know that all these things are examples of Sexting?

- Posing for and sending bare or naked photos such as boobs, cleavages, genitals, bums or bikini shots
- Making or sending sexual videos such as those showing people having sex, giving oral sex or masturbating
- Screen munching and posting sexual photos or conversations
- Uploading bare or naked photos or sexual videos to a social networking site like Facebook
- Broadcasting or private messaging sexual photos or messages via BBM or Facebook Chat
- Forwarding bare or naked photos, sexual videos or texts on to others with or without their permission
- Storing bare or naked photos or sexual videos on your mobile phone

If anything, it makes it more embarrassing, because that was a private thing. It's screwed up that someone screwed me over like that.

Vanessa Hudgens, after topless photos she had taken on her phone to send to Zac Efron ended up online



Can it get me in trouble?

Sexting photos, videos or messages... or forwarding, storing or loading them could get you in serious trouble with the law.

It is possible to be charged if you do this, and is particularly worrying if the sexts are of anyone under 16...people have been sent to prison for taking or sending on sexts of young people as this may be classed as child pornography.

So Sexting can get you into difficulties with the law...

...but did you know it may also ruin your chances of getting that dream job in the future...or losing the job you already have?

Over 1/3 of employers admit to checking out people who apply for jobs with them by Googling them and looking at their Facebook page... imagine how it would feel to have them seeing naked photos of you...still think they might give you a job?

Companies just don't want people working for them who might potentially embarrass them.

Remember don't just think in the moment... Think 'What Happens Next?'

What about me?

You lose control of the image, video or text as soon as you send it. Anyone could get a hold of it and make it completely public... then anyone could see it....your granny, your teacher, your dad.

I sent sexts to my boyfriend when I was 15. He was my first boyfriend and I felt safe doing it. I had no idea that when we broke up he would send them on to everyone else.

Sally, now 17

And it won't just disappear... images and videos can be held online for years!

It could even be used by people who use technology to abuse young people or you could be bullied by your classmates or friends for sending the images.

You could end up feeling really low, and with your reputation or your relationships in tatters.

Michelle ditched Max after he was exposed online after sexting his ex



Always think twice before you send anything ...

how might this affect me?

How will this affect others?

How would I feel if my parents ended up seeing this?

What happens next?

What should I do?

- *Don't create any images/videos/texts. You don't want to ruin your future because of a silly mistake.*
- *Don't ask anyone to send you any sexts.*
- *Tell an adult if you receive a sext. You never know whether the person in the sext was abused or forced to send that image and you can help them out by telling someone you trust.*
- *You should never forward these images or keep them on your phone or computer because you may be putting yourself at risk of getting into trouble from the police.*
- *Delete any images/videos/texts that have been passed on to you. This way you are considering the person's feelings and keeping yourself out of trouble.*
- *If someone sends you a sext, show them some respect by not forwarding that image on to anyone else. Imagine if you had shared something with someone, trusting them to keep it private, and they told all of their friends. Treat others how you would like to be treated and show respect in all your relationships.*



I realized that the best way to not have pictures on the Internet is to never take the pictures at all.

Pete Wentz from Fall Out Boy after having full frontal genital shots were leaked from his phone

Talk to your friends about why sexting is a bad idea.

Always think...

**if you Pose or Sext...
What Happens Next?**

Where can I get help or more info?

There are lots of people you can talk to if you have been affected by sexting, are worried about it or just want to find out more...

Corner staff

Parents

Guidance

Pupil Support Worker

Youth Worker

Community Safety Officer

There are also lots of places online you can get support:

childline
www.childline.org.uk



cool2talk
www.cool2talk.org



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<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

<http://www.teencentral.net>

<http://www.athinline.org>



40%
*of young people
don't think it is wrong
to send a topless image*

15%
*of young people
think sending
a naked image is ok*

56%
*of young people
knew someone who had
had a text or image of them
sent on to more people
than they intended*

40%
*of young people
know someone
who sexts regularly*

70%
*of young people
would ask their friends
for help if they
were affected by sexting*

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