

SEXTING:

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THINK.... B 4 U SEND

OBJECTIVES

- Identify (2) social components of the sexting phenomenon
- Become familiar with current and future judicial trends in how this conduct is being addressed
- Identify the risks associated with sexting
- Identify common thinking errors demonstrated by those engaging in this conduct
- Identify techniques to prevent this conduct from occurring.



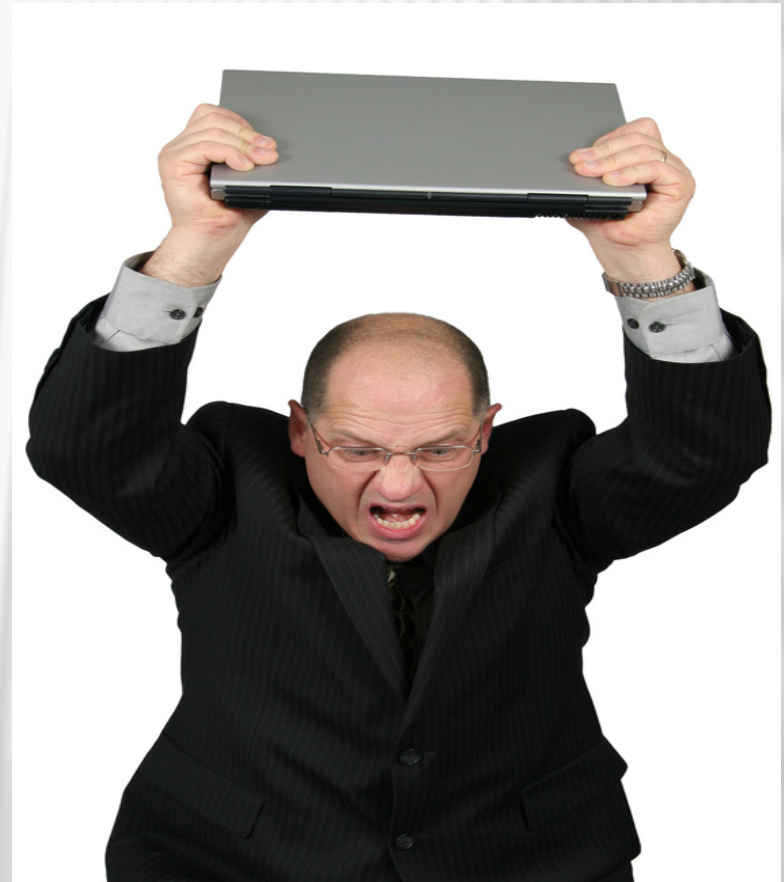
WHAT IS SEXTING ANYWAY?

“Sexting”, in its current social definition, is the electronic communication of any sexually oriented matter involving a minor. This matter can include photos, videos, statements or any other media involving a minor in any state of nudity or sexual acts.

TECHNOLOGY: FRIEND OR FOE?

What have we come to rely upon?

- ✖ Computers
- ✖ Cell Phones
- ✖ Smart Phones
- ✖ Digital Cameras
- ✖ Gaming Systems
- ✖ WiFi
- ✖ Social Networks



SOCIETAL BELIEF ABOUT SEXUALITY

- ✖ Casual
- ✖ Emotionless
- ✖ “Friends with benefits”
- ✖ “Hit it and quit it”
- ✖ Females are Trophies
- ✖ PDA's





GROUP ACTIVITY

Based upon what you saw, discuss with your group the following questions:

1. If you were the girl in the video and you sent the boy a nude photo of yourself, Why did you do it?
2. If you were the boy in the video, Why did you ask her for it?

WHY DO THEY DO THIS?

- ✖ 30% of teens aged 12 through 17 admit to participating in sexting
- ✖ 22% of females and 20% males create and send pictures
- ✖ 61% feel pressured into creating and sending
- ✖ 38% stated they were more likely to sext if they were dating or trying to “hook up”

WHY DO THEY DO THIS

- ✖ 29% stated that they believe it is **expected** if they are dating or trying to hook up
- ✖ 50% will share pictures with multiple individuals.

– AThinRedLine.org

–CosmoGirl/National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy

FIELD RESEARCH

This presentation was given to over 7500 students. Through class discussions, these were the most reoccurring reasons why teens state Sexting happens....

HERE'S WHAT THEY SAID!

- ◉ To make him/her shut up (Female)
- ◉ To make her boyfriend happy (Male)
- ◉ To make herself feel pretty (Female)
- ◉ Competing for affection of another (Female)
- ◉ Wanted to show off how she looked (Male)
- ◉ To impress your friends (Both)
- ◉ Cause they want to “Hook Up” (Male)

LEGAL CONSIDERTIONS



LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS CONTINUED

Currently there is **NO** law in Ohio that specifically addresses the issues of **SEXTING**. Each incident is dealt with on a case by case basis and is handled differently based upon jurisdiction. Some options that are available include:

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS CONTINUED

- ✖ Diversion Program with no accompanying criminal complaint
- ☐ Unruly or Delinquent complaint with less stigmatic charges such as Public Indecency or Disorderly Conduct.

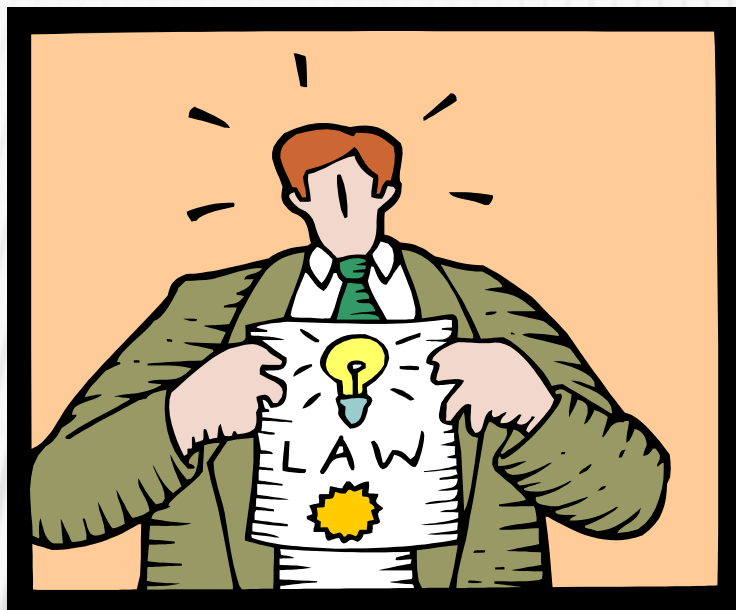
LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS CONTINUED

- Unruly or delinquent complaint with criminal charges that could require classification as a Serious Youth Offender or Sex Offender Registration requirement. Those charges could include:

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS CONT.

- × Disseminating Matter Harmful To Juveniles: ORC 2907.31 M1- F4
- × Pandering Obscene Material Involving a Minor: ORC 2907.321 F4- F2
- × Pandering Sexually Oriented Matter Involving a Minor: ORC 2907.322 F4-F2
- × Illegal Use of a Minor in Nudity Oriented Material/Performance: ORC 2907.323 F5-F2

THE "SEXTING" BILL



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DEFINITIONS TO REMEMBER

STATE OF NUDITY- means any act that involves a lewd sexual exhibition or graphic focus on the genitals

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE- Same meaning as 2913.01 of the Revised Code. Basically any instrument, that can electronically send or receive any type of data or information. *This includes WiFi capable gaming systems*

THE “SEXTING” BILL

SECTION A

- ✖ No Minor
- ✖ Knowingly
- ✖ By use of a telecommunications device
- ✖ Send, post, exchange or share
- ✖ Photographs, videos or other material
- ✖ That shows the minor (themselves) or another minor (someone else) in a state of nudity

THE “SEXTING” BILL

SECTION B

- No minor
- By means **other than the use of a telecommunications device**
- Knowingly photograph, create, direct, produce or transfer any material or performance of the minor **(themselves)** or another minor **(someone else)** in a state of nudity

THE “SEXTING” BILL

SECTION C

- ✖ No Minor
- ✖ Knowingly consent to photograph or consent to use photograph
- ✖ Minor’s Minor Child
- ✖ State of nudity
- ✖ Any material or performance or transfer
- ✖ ****Telecommunications device not specified****

THE “SEXTING” BILL

SECTION D

- ✗ No minor
- ✗ Knowingly
- ✗ By means other than a telecommunications device
- ✗ Share or view
- ✗ Material or performance that shows the minor (themselves) or another minor (someone else) in a state of nudity

WHY IS SEXTING SO DANGEROUS?





- ✖ As the sender, you can never be certain where or with whom the photo will end up
- ✖ Once sent or forwarded, it cannot be retrieved
- ✖ It could unfairly stereotype you as a promiscuous or unsavory person
- ✖ It could leave you vulnerable to other crimes such as Extortion, Coercion Menacing by Stalking and Telecommunications Harassment.



COMMON THINKING ERRORS ASSOCIATED WITH SEXTING

- ✖ **I totally trusted him/her**
- ✖ **Nobody else will ever see it**
- ✖ **This will make him/her like me**
- ✖ **What could one time hurt**
- ✖ **This will make him/her leave me alone**

WHAT DO I DO IF I GET SEXTED?

- ✖ No matter what, *DO NOT REPLY TO IT.*
Regardless of who sent it to you and
regardless of what you are going to reply
- ✖ DO NOT PASS IT ON.
- ✖ DO NOT DELETE IT.
- ✖ TELL A TRUSTED ADULT RIGHT AWAY.

HOW CAN WE STOP IT



PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- ✖ Develop a cell phone use policy in your school that includes both a student and parent sign off.
- ✖ Introduce an education program to the students that is evenly balanced between all of the given variables. (How often?)
- ✖ Introduce a similar program to offer to parents separate from the students.

PREVENTION STRATEGIES

- ✖ Reach out to local law enforcement or juvenile probation to learn how they are addressing this issue in the courts. **WORK TOGETHER!!!**

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