

# SEXTING:

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***THINK..... B 4 U SEND***



# WHAT IS SEXTING ANYWAY?

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“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.

# WHAT ARE WE GOING TO LEARN?

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## HOW SEXTING CAN:

- Hurt you *NOW* and in the *FUTURE*.
- Get you into trouble (Yes...it's against the law!!)
- Change the way people think about you *FOREVER!*
- Cause you to be bullied and harassed.

# TECHNOLOGY: Friend or Foe?

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What have we come to rely upon?

- Computers
- Cell Phones
- Smart Phones
- Digital Cameras
- Gaming Systems
- WiFi

# CULTURAL INDIFFERENCES

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What is our cultural belief about sexuality?

- Casual
- Emotionless
- “Friends with benefits”
- “Hit it and quit it”
- Females are objects to obtain not to respect

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# **WHY DO TEENS SEXT?**





# HERE'S WHAT *YOU* SAID

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In a Pew Internet and American Life survey conducted last year....1,280 students age 12 to 17 were asked why they think “sexting” has become such a huge phenomenon. This is what they replied:

- **PEER PRESSURE:** 51% of girls and 18% of boys stated that the only reason they sent a photo is because the opposite sex relentlessly asked them too.

# HERE'S WHAT YOU SAID...CONTINUED

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**SEEKING ATTENTION-** 2/3 of girls and boys alike said that they “sexted” because they thought it would be fun and flirtacious (a sort of modern day mating call)

**SAFE SEX ARGUMENT-** An overwhelming amount of both girls and boys who participated in the survey saw “sexting” as the safest form of sex next to abstinence.

**IS IT ?!?!?!?**

# **SOME OTHER ALARMING STATISTICS**

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**20%-- OF TEENS OVERALL REPORT *SENDING* NUDE OR PARTIALLY NUDE PHOTOS OF THEMSELVES TO ANOTHER MINOR**

**22%-- OF TEENAGED GIRLS REPORT *SENDING* NUDE OR PARTIALLY NUDE PHOTOS OF THEMSELVES TO ANOTHER MINOR**

**18%-- OF TEENAGED BOYS REPORT *SENDING* NUDE OR PARTIALLY NUDE PHOTOS OF THEMSELVES TO ANOTHER MINOR**

**48%-- OF TEENS OVERALL REPORT *RECEIVING* A NUDE OR PARTIALLY NUDE PHOTO OF ANOTHER MINOR**

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**WHAT DOES THE LAW SAY ABOUT IT ?**

## **DEFINITIONS TO REMEMBER**

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**STATE OF NUDITY-** means a state of nudity that involves a lewd exhibition or graphic focus on the genitals

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE-** means any instrument, that can send or receive any type of data or information. This includes WiFi capable gaming systems

# POINTS TO REMEMBER

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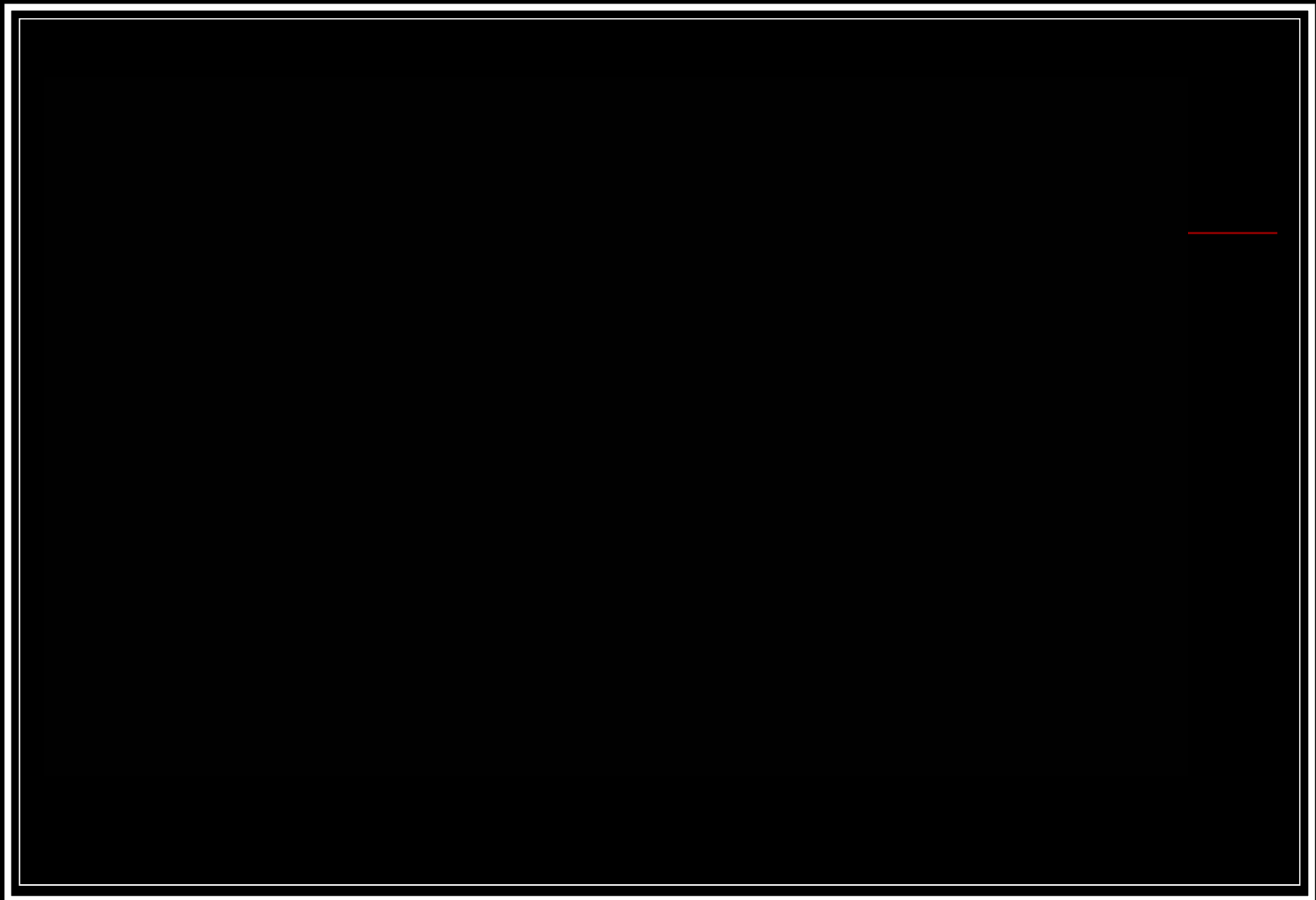
- No Minor
- Shall *Knowingly*
- By use of a telecommunications device or means other than a telecommunications device
- ***SEND, POST, EXCHANGE, SHARE, CREATE, DIRECT, PRODUCE, TRANSFER OR VIEW***
- Photographs, Videos or Other Materials
- That shows the minor (you) or another minor (someone else) in a state of nudity

# **WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?.....THEY'RE JUST PICTURES**

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## **THE BIG DEAL IS....**

- **A massive violation of privacy**
- **It's a decision that is IRREVERSIBLE!!!**
- **It could potentially be the most humiliating decision you'll ever make**
- **Typically, the sender or requester is not emotionally equipped to handle the consequences for this decision**
- **You can never be certain that its over. You could literally deal with this decision for the REST OF YOUR LIFE!!!!**







# COMMON THINKING ERRORS ASSOCIATED WITH SEXTING

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- I totally trust 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?

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- 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.

# REMEMBER

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- **The decision you make COULD and more than likely WILL follow you for the rest of your life. If you're not concerned about your future, you need to find out WHY?**