

Sexting



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Sexting is the sending of provocative or sexual photos, messages or videos. They are generally sent using a mobile phone but can also include posting this type of material online. (esafety.gov.au)

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Young people share inappropriate selfies for a variety of reasons. Once they have been sent they cannot be taken back and they are no longer private.

Children can feel as though they have shared an image with someone they know and trust, however relationships come and go so easily especially with teenagers.

It may be a result of peer pressure, flirting or even considered fun, but there are very serious social and legal consequences for this type of online behaviour.

For more information go to <https://www.esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/esafety-issues/sexting>



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Lets talk about it!

Some conversation starters and points to discuss.

- Why do you think celebrities take selfies?
- Do you know if boys or girls feel pressured to send naked selfies or inappropriate texts?
- Do you know if this kind of things goes on in school or among your friends?
- Have you ever sent or received something that felt wrong? Gut feeling is good, if it feels wrong... it usually is.
- Nothing is so bad that we cant talk about it
- Nobody should ever feel pressured to share something their not comfortable with.
- These images can be sent in the heat of the moment but if you change your mind its too late to take it back.

If you find explicit images of our child its important to stay calm in these

conversations with children. Share your concerns and allow them time to respond. Try to find out who else may be involved and make an appointment to speak to someone at the school to let them know (Counsellor, Teacher or Principal). If you feel that you child was involved in sexting as a result of an online predator its important to contact police immediately.

Many children will not report concerns because they are afraid they'll lose their online privileges or be punished. To increase the likelihood of open and honest discussions with your child, let them know that they wont be disconnected if they choose to come to you with a concern.



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