

SEXTING



KNOW YOUR RISKS

YOUNG PEOPLE AND SEXTING KNOW YOUR RISKS

In this resource we want to inform you about the risks of sexting when you're under 18 and still a minor. We want to give you the facts about the law as well as how you can help keep yourself and others safe online.

IF YOU SEND OR RECEIVE A SEXT...

- Your photos or video could be shared publicly.
- You could get expelled from school if you're under 18.
- You can go to jail for up to 7 years for producing, distributing or possessing child exploitation material.

SEXTING IS...

Taking, receiving or forwarding a photo or video:

- Showing their private parts (genitals, anus or breasts) for a sexual purpose.
- Posing in a sexual way.
- Doing a sexual act.
- In the presence of someone who is doing a sexual act or pose.

SEXTING IS AGAINST THE LAW WHEN...

- Taking a photo or video of someone under 18 (this includes taking photos of yourself). This is producing child exploitation material.
- Sending or forwarding a photo or video of someone under 18. This is 'distributing' child exploitation material.
- Receiving or storing a photo or video of someone under 18. This is 'possessing' child exploitation material.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE UNDER EIGHTEEN AND...

you want to sext...

- Before you send anything, remember the risks involved. Is it really worth the risk?
- If you feel pressured, tell a trusted parent, teacher, friend or counsellor immediately.

you receive a sext...

- Never share or pass on the image to another person.
- Delete immediately.
- Remember the law about sexting when you're under 18.
- Tell a trusted parent, teacher, friend or counsellor.

your sext is shared...

- Remember it's not your fault if someone shares without your consent.
- Tell a trusted parent, teacher, friend or counsellor. It's okay to feel upset when someone has broken your trust.
- Report it to the police or the e-Safety Commission, take a screenshot as evidence.

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