

BE SAFE ONLINE



SEXTING

Its important that your child knows the risk of sexting, how they can stay safe and to remind them that they can talk to you if something makes them feel scared or uncomfortable.

Sexting is when someone shares naked, semi - naked or nude images or videos of themselves or others, or sends sexually explicit messages. Sexting is also known as trading nudes, dirties or pic for pic!!

THERE ARE MANY REASONS WHY A YOUNG PERSON MAY WANT TO 'SEXT'

- DOING IT BECAUSE EVERYONE ELSE IS
- BOOSTING THEIR SELF ESTEEM
- TESTING THEIR SEXUAL IDENTITY AND FLIRTING WITH OTHERS
- GETTING ATTENTION AND CONNECTING WITH NEW PEOPLE ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- THEY MAY FIND IT HARD TO SAY NO IF ASKED FOR AN EXPLICIT IMAGE, ESPECIALLY IF THE PERSON ASKING IS PERSISTENT

IS SEXTING HARMLESS??

YOUNG PEOPLE MAY THINK 'SEXTING' IS HARMLESS, JUST A BIT OF FUN?

IF IMAGES ARE SHARED ONLINE THEY BECOME PUBLIC. EVEN IF THEY ARE DELETED AFTER A FEW SECONDS THEY CAN BE SAVED OR COPIED BY OTHERS.

THIS MEANS THAT EVEN IF YOU HAVE SHARED THE PHOTO OR VIDEO PRIVATELY IT COULD STILL END UP SHARED BETWEEN ADULTS THEY DONT KNOW!

- AN OFFENDER COULD THREATEN TO SHARE THE PICTURES UNLESS MONEY OR MORE PICTURES ARE SENT.
- THE CHILD COULD BE BULLIED IF THEY ARE SHARED AT SCHOOL. THIS COULD LEAD TO HUMILIATION OR BEING EMBARRASSED. THIS COULD LEAD TO SELF HARM OR SUICIDE.
- IMAGES POSTED ONINE COULD ATTRACT SEX OFFENDERS, THEY COULD COPY AND MODIFY THE IMAGES.



CYBER BULLYING

CYBER BULLYING TAKES PLACE ONLINE VIA , SMARTPHONES, TABLETS, SOCIAL MEDIA, - FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, SNAPCHAST X-BOX LIVE AND OTHER CHAT ROOMS.

THERE ARE MANY WAY WHICH CYBER BULLYINGOCCURS ONLINE,

HARASSMENT - THIS IS THE ACT OF SENDING RUDE, OFFENSIVE AND INSULTING MESSAGES OR BEING ABUSIVE. IT CAN BE NASTY OR HUMILIATING POSTS OR COMMENTS IN CHAT ROOMS OR BEING EXPLICITLY OFFENSIVE ON GAMING SITES

DENIGRATION - THIS IS WHEN SOMEONE SENDS SOMEONE SENDS INFORMATION ABOUT ANOTHER PERSON THAT IS FAKE, UNTRUE OR DAMAGING. IT CAN BE SHARING PHOTOS TO RIDICULEA PERSON AND THERE ARE EVEN SOME PEOPLE THAT ALTER PHOTOS OF OTHERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BULLYING

FLAMING - THIS IS WHEN SOMEONE USES EXTREME AND OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE TO GET INTO AN ONLINE FIGHT. THEY ENJOY THE FACT THAT IT CAN CAUSE SOMEONE TO BE DISTRESSED.

CYBER STALKING - THIS IS REPEATEDLY SENDING THREATENING, INTIMIDATING, HARASSING AND HARMFUL MESSAGES IN ONLINE ACTIVITIES TO MAKE A PERSON AFRAID OF THEIR SAFETY.

KEEP THINGS PERSONAL TOP YOURSELF

Remember that everyone you meet on the internet is a stranger and you need to keep personal things personal to you. Don't share any secrets with other people and if anyone asks you to do something that makes you feel uncomfortable then don't do it - REPORT IT!

There are quite a few instant messaging apps including Snapchat, Whats app, Secret, Whisper and instagram. These are all great for sharing things with friends but if things turn nasty you can block people from seeing that you are online and you can save abusive conversations and print them.

THE LAW AND SEXTING

ALTHOUGH SEXTING CAN BE SEEN AS HARMLESS, IF YOU CREATE OR SHARE ANY EXPLICIT IMAGES OF A CHILD IT IS ILLEGAL. A YOUNG PERSON IS BREAKING THE LAW IF THEY TAKE A PICTURE OF THEM SELVES, SHARE AN EXPLICIT VIDEO OR IMAGE OF A CHILD, OR DOWNLOAD POSSES OR STORE AN IMAGE OR VIDEO.