Sexting:
The act of sending sexually explicit messages, semi nude or nude photos via cell phones and messaging features.
• Texting is a major part of everyday life.

• Flirtation is also a major part of teen life.

Flirtation + Technology + Poor Judgment = Sexting
Sexting Outcomes

- 15 percent of males share explicit images when they break up with their girlfriends.

- Girls are too trusting of their boyfriends, thinking they’ll never do such a terrible thing.

51% of teen girls say they sent sexy photos under pressure from a guy. 18% of teen boys have sent photos under pressure from a girl. 23% of teen girls & 24% of teen boys were pressured by friends to send or post sexual content.
Strategies for Kids

SEXTING and CYBERBULLYING

How to Prevent & Respond to it

1. Always respect others

2. Think before you send

3. Treat your password like your toothbrush

4. Block the bully

5. Don't retaliate or reply!

6. Save the evidence

7. Make sure you tell

8. Don't just stand there!
Strategies for Kids

Never Take pictures of yourself that you wouldn’t want everyone to see
• Classmates
• Family
• Teachers
• Employers

Think ahead
• College Recruiters
• Future Employers
• Future Spouses and their Families
• Your Children

Don’t let anyone pressure you into it!
Following Jessica’s ex-boyfriend sending around nude photos of her she had sent him during their relationship:

- she was viciously harassed by peers at school,
- insults were posted on Jessica’s Face Book and MySpace pages,
- she became introverted and missed school,
- she committed suicide

![In Memoriam: Jessica Logan, 1990 to 2008]

Jessica Logan was a bright and beautiful 18-year-old who impacted the lives of so many of her friends and peers. All of us that knew her are truly grateful her life touched ours.
Sexting – What teens should ask...

Before you hit "Send"

- Are you willing to take the chance that someone other than your intended recipient will see your image?
- Will those images be a source of embarrassment or humiliation to you?
- Are you willing to take the chance that the images may be a "career killer" or prevent you from some future opportunities?
- Will the images/videos that you send violate the law?
• Under federal law, persons convicted of child porn or exploitation may face:
  • Minimum 5 years in prison up to maximum 20 years.

• Sending sexually explicit images of minors on cell phones is punishable by California law:
  • Up to 3 years and $2500 fine
  • 3 year statue of limitations

• Lifetime duty to register as sex offender
Please note that sexting does **not** include situations in which young people are coerced or blackmailed into sending sexually explicit images of themselves to adults. These adults are **predators** and the incident should be reported to law enforcement immediately.
- Florida: 18 year old Philip Albert, was convicted and sentenced to 5 years’ probation and required to register as a sex offender for sending naked photo of his 16 year old girlfriend to her family and friends after an argument.

- Ohio: 13 year old boy is facing felony charges after a video of sexual activity was found on his cell phone.

- New York: 16 year old boy facing up to 7 years in prison for forwarding nude photo of his girlfriend to his friends.