

# Teen Sexting

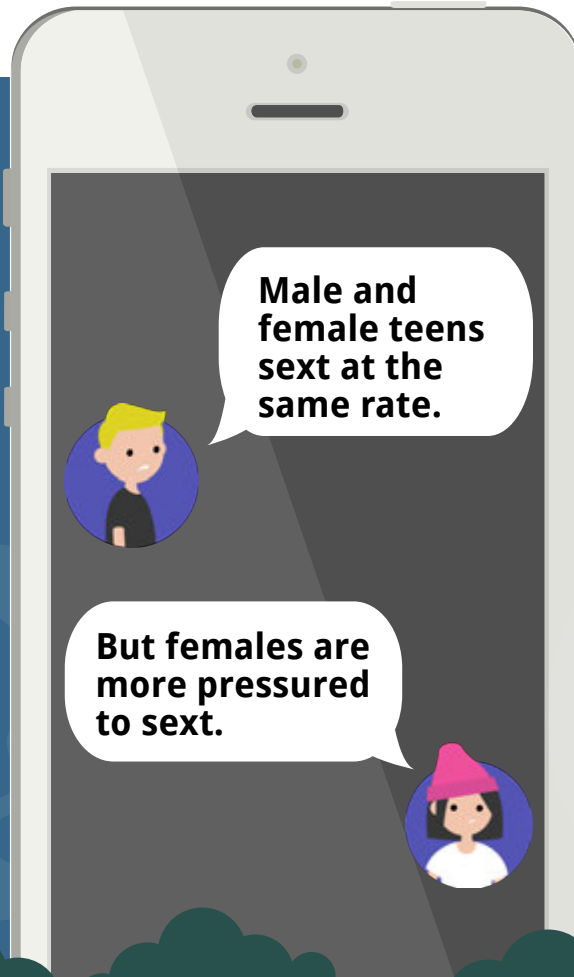
## THINK TWICE

before you hit "send"



### WHAT IS SEXTING?

Sending or getting sexually explicit photos, videos, or messages through your cellphone or online.



Roughly 7 in 10 youth have felt some pressure to sext for reasons like making their romantic partner happy or getting someone's attention.

### HOW MANY TEENS SEXT?



27%

I've received a sext.

15%

I've sent a sext.

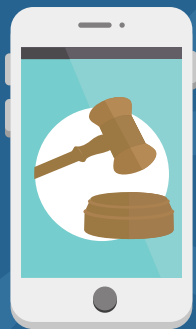


12%

I've sent a sext from someone else without asking permission.



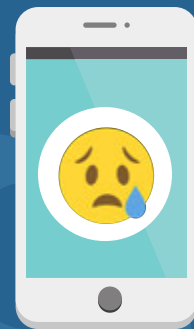
# WHY IS IT RISKY?



**1** Sexting can have legal consequences like child pornography charges or having to register as a sex offender.



**2** Online photos live forever and can get into the wrong hands.



**3** Sexts can be used to hurt you and be shared without your consent.

# HOW CAN I PREVENT IT?



Protect yourself and others by not taking sexually explicit pictures or videos.

"I don't think that would be good for us."



Speak up when someone makes you uncomfortable with their texts or what they send you.

"I'd rather do other things with you."



Respect others by not pressuring them to sext you.

"I'm not ready for that yet."



# I RECEIVED OR SENT A SEXT. NOW WHAT?



Delete the picture or video.



Share your concerns with a parent or trusted adult.



Report a sext that was sent to you or shared without your consent to the Cyber Tip Line.



## To report an explicit image or video:

- Call the Cyber Tip Line (800) 843-5678 or visit <https://report.cybertip.org/>

## To remove sexual pictures and videos from the internet:

- Visit <http://www.missingkids.com/gethelpnow/is-your-explicit-image-out-there->
- Visit [https://cdn.netSMARTZ.org/tipsheets/You\\_Sent\\_A\\_Sext\\_Now\\_What.pdf](https://cdn.netSMARTZ.org/tipsheets/You_Sent_A_Sext_Now_What.pdf)

## To learn more about your safety and how to deal with sexting:

- Visit <https://cyberbullying.org/sexting-advice-for-teens.pdf>
- Visit <https://cdn.netSMARTZ.org/tipsheets/sexting.pdf>

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