

WHAT IS SEXTING?

Sexting is the sending and receiving of nude images or videos through electronic means, such as a cellphone, tablet or computer.

The idea of sexting has been around for ages, and it was often distributed by means of printed photos or drawings. But today's modern advances have streamlined the risky behavior, making it easier and more powerful than ever before.

With a click of a button, a nude image or video can reach thousands of people instantaneously.

While teen sexting is usually about exploring, building relationships and having fun, it undoubtedly has serious consequences.

From cyberbullying and stalking to harassment, sexting can lead to a variety of long-term repercussions.

And in Colorado, it's now illegal for juveniles to sext.

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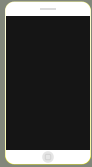
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JUVENILE SEXTING AND THE LAW

WHAT IT IS AND HOW IT AFFECTS
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CONFISCATION OF PHONE

If a sexting investigation is opened and evidence is found, the phone will be taken by police and never given back.

Legally, images or videos of anyone under the age of 18 is considered child pornography.

Law enforcement can never be sure the images or videos are completely gone, even after wiping the phone.



VIOLATIONS & PENALTIES

CIVIL INFRACTION

Teens who are willfully exchanging nude images or videos - think boyfriend and girlfriend.

Carries a \$50 fine or required education course to teach teens about the dangers and repercussions of sexting.

PETTY OFFENSE

Teens who possess the nude image of another juvenile without his or her consent.

Carries up to 45 days in a youth detention facility and/or a \$300 fine.

CLASS 2 MISDEMEANORS

Teens who share or post a nude photo or video without person's consent
OR

Teens who possess more than 10 images of three or more people.

Carries up to 2 years in detention facility and/or a \$300 fine.

CLASS 1 MISDEMEANORS

Teens who share or post a nude photo of another juvenile with the intent to coerce, intimidate, threaten or cause emotional harm.

Carries up to 2 years in detention facility and/or a \$300 fine.