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WHY IS SEXTING A PROBLEM FOR TEENS?

WHAT IS SEXTING?

- Sexting is sending explicit photos, videos, or messages via cell phone, e-mail, chat rooms, social media, and more.
- Sexting happens between married couples, dating partners, and others.
- However, when a minor is involved in sexting, this is a crime. So is using sexting as a way to coerce another.



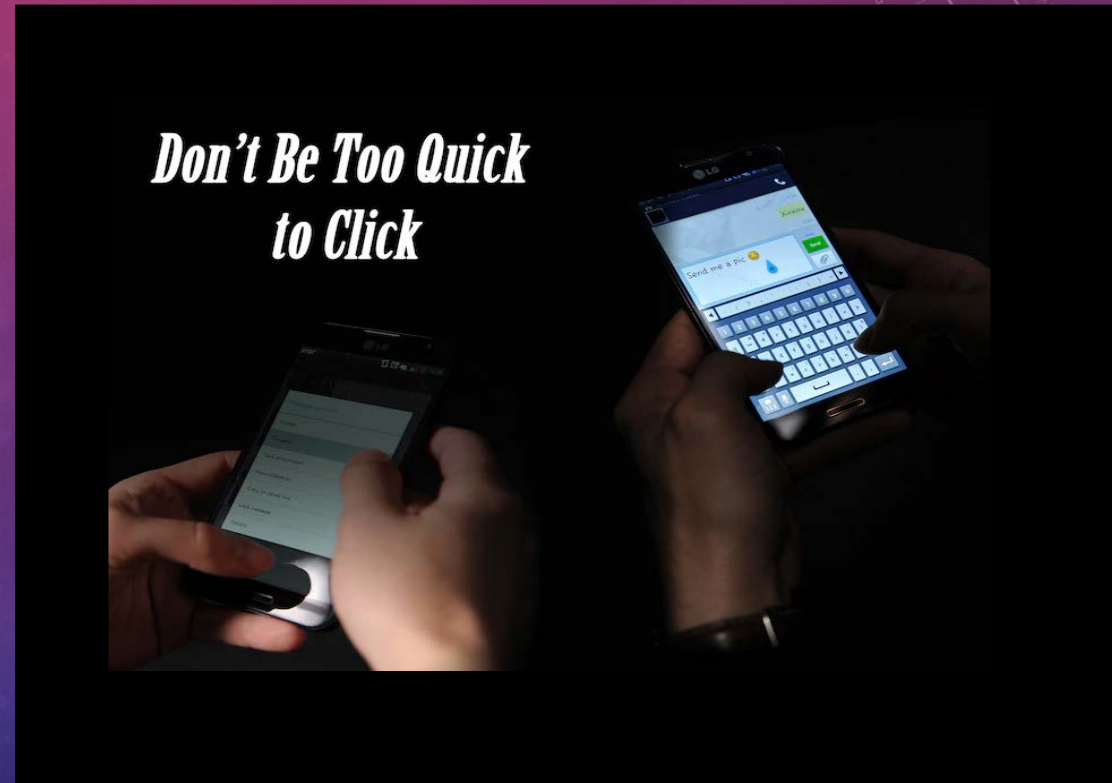
WHY SEXTING?

- Bragging rights of a relationship
- Proof of commitment in a relationship
- Flirting with a potential partner/ or get complaints for peers
- Bullying and intimidating another, usually after a relationship ends



WHY SEXTING A PROBLEM?

- A photo shared between two people can become a viral on social media
- Teens may believe it to be kept private, however maybe shared with peers with grave consequences
- This includes arrest with all parties involved for disturbing / possession of child pornography and being registering for life as a sex offender.
- Bullying, harassment, and humiliation are common problems
- Disappointment or grave consequences with family



TOPIC TO TALK ABOUT AND WHAT YOU SHOULD CONSIDER

- Digital images leave a digital footprint, you can't take back
- Think before you send something, ask yourself how you would you feel if the entire school sees it
- Balance the pressure with the consequence which can be more severe
- Friends promising not to share images will break their promise
- Images or videos placed on the internet are very difficult to remove, where they can copies or shared



TOPICS TO DISCUSS

- Do the right thing
- Talk to your parents or an adult you trust, explain the pressures you experiencing
- Adults should address the issues with a non-judgmental approach, leaving an open dialogue

