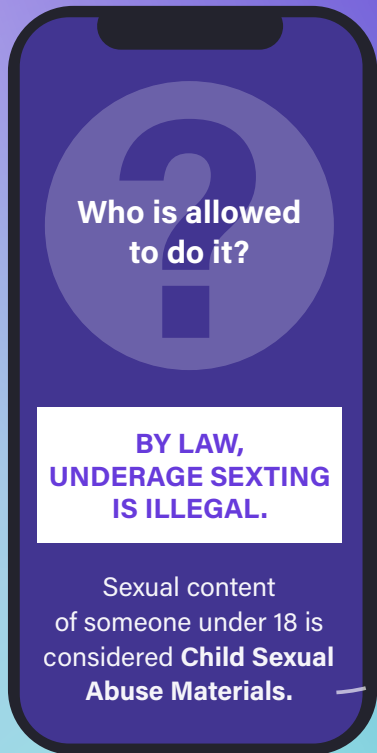


Sexting & Peer Exploitation

What is sexting?

Sharing or sending sexually explicit content digitally—sometimes referred to as “nudes”:



What's the worst that could happen?



Duplicated: someone can take a screenshot and save it.



Shared: it can be shared with someone you didn't want to see it.



Permanency: once you share something digitally, you lose control over it.

Does it count as sexual exploitation?

If it is done without consent or because of pressure, then yes.

Sharing somebody's intimate image without their consent is violating.

Half of those guilty of sharing someone's nude without consent were a romantic partner or friend.¹



But so is sending one without consent.

51% of youth

have received a nude they didn't ask for.¹

Q&A

If you ever need help because of sexting,
there are many
resources and trusted
adults that will help.

1. Who is a trusted adult in your life you could talk to about something like this?

2. What steps can you take to protect your digital privacy when it comes to image sharing?

3. Think about a time when you felt pressured. List a few ways you can set boundaries and make safe choices in similar situations.
