Stop Sexting!!!

“Respect me don’t sext me”
I promise I won't show anyone babe
Facts about Sexting

You COULD be put on the Sex Offenders Register which could affect all future employment.

Sending a sexually explicit photo of someone under 18, is ILLEGAL, even if you are sending one of yourself.

You can get a bad reputation and be called names like Slag.

YOUR photo can go around the world in seconds.

Your computer or phone may be confiscated by the police.
Jessica Logan, says her mother, was a "vivacious, fun" 18-year-old.

But her life changed when a nude photo of herself she sent to her boyfriend ended up in the hands of hundreds of teenagers in her home city of Cincinnati, Ohio.

For months, she faced taunts of "slut", "porn queen" and "whore". Insults were posted on her MySpace and Facebook pages.

She became introverted and skipped classes, her friends say.

Despite this, Jessica went on local TV - her identity concealed - to "make sure no-one else will have to go through this."

A few months later, in June 2008, she hanged herself in her bedroom.

Her devastated parents, Cynthia and Albert Logan, are now campaigning for greater awareness of the dangers of sexting.

Hope Witsell

Hope Witsell, a 13 year old girl from Beth Shields Middle School in Hillsborough, Florida, hung herself after nude pictures of her were distributed. Toward the end of the school year, Hope sent a nude picture of herself to a boy that she liked and another girl found it on the boy's phone and forwarded it to other students. The picture eventually began circulating around Beth Shields Middle School and surrounding middle and high schools in the area. Hope suffered from humiliation and verbal harassment at school and began cutting herself. Her depression and embarrassment eventually led her to hang herself in her bedroom. Her suicide is the second in the nation associated with sexting.
Jesse Logan

- 18 year old high school senior in Ohio
- Sent nude photos of herself to her boyfriend
- When they broke up, he forwarded them to hundreds of students
- Logan was harassed, taunted, and even physically assaulted because of the photographs
- In July 2008, Logan committed suicide
Sexting

- We define sexting as “the sending or receiving of sexually-explicit or sexually-suggestive images or video via a cell phone.” Most commonly, the term has been used to describe incidents where teenagers take nude or semi-nude (e.g., topless) pictures of themselves and distribute those pictures to others using their cell phones (although it is also possible to distribute such images via social networking sites, email, instant messaging programs, and video chat).

http://www.cyberbullying.us/Sexting_Fact_Sheet.pdf
Sexting Statistics

The percent of teenagers who have sent or posted nude or semi-nude pictures or video of themselves:
- 20% of teenagers overall
- 22% of teen girls
- 18% of teen boys
- 11% of young teen girls ages 13-16

The percent of teenagers sending or posting sexually suggestive messages:
- 39% of all teenagers
- 37% of teen girls
- 40% of teen boys

This is based on the National Campaign Survey, but Pew Research Center puts this less at about @12-13% of all teens with no gender differences.
Legal Consequence

In some states, sexting is illegal and can constitute child pornography. Individuals possessing the images of minors face being put on the Sexual Offenders Registry for up to 20 years. Doesn’t matter how old they are, it matters how old the person in the photo is.
While **sexting** might seem like innocent flirtation, the nude pictures and explicit messages you send could become grounds for a criminal record and prison time (About.com).

For teens, the consequences of sexting are the same for adults in most states, but could also prevent students from receiving **college scholarships**, **job offers**, in addition to the embarrassment of having your nude photographs floating around the Internet (About.com).

Know the laws in your state and protect yourself from serious prosecution for sexting:
Five things to know before pressing “send”

1. Don’t assume anything you send or post is going to remain private.

2. There is no changing your mind in cyberspace — anything you send or post will never truly go away.

3. Don’t give in to the pressure to do something that makes you uncomfortable, even in cyberspace.

4. Consider the recipient’s reaction.

5. Nothing is truly anonymous.

If you don't want to share it with everybody, don’t send it to anybody.
RESPECT ME.
Don’t seXt me.

What can I do if my photo is shared?
- Report it to site administrators.
- Ask them to delete the photo.
- Report it to the police or get legal advice.
- Tell a trusted adult and ask for their help.

It is not OK to:
- Pressure someone to send sexy photos.
- Share sexy photos from your phone.
- Post sexy photos online.
- Use sexy photos for revenge.

Remember:
- Everyone has the right to say ‘No’ to anything they don’t feel comfortable doing.
- It is illegal to take, send or post a photo or video of anyone (including yourself) under the age of 18.*

* Sexting is considered Child Pornography under the Commonwealth Criminal Code 1995
Sexting Recommendations

- Do not send or request inappropriate photos
- Delete inappropriate photos immediately
- Do not post or forward photos sent to you
  - Take a stand w/ friends
- Collect cell phones at the door for sleepovers or parties

Photos taken when just “acting crazy” can follow you the rest of your life
you should come over tonight.

aw, not tonight. Its getting late...

Send me a pic? ;)

He asked me to send him a picture of me getting naked. I sent him this.