



THE SIDE EFFECTS OF SEXTING



What is sexting?

Using a cell phone or other device to take, send, possess, or request sexually explicit photos.



Is it illegal?

Yes. In Ohio, an individual can be charged with a felony for sexting with a juvenile.

What are the consequences?

Felony dispositions can include:

- Time in juvenile prison
- Residential treatment facilities
- Probation
- House arrest/electronic monitoring
- Juvenile sex offender registration
- Children Services involvement
- Community service
- Counseling

Ohio sexting statutes

- Disseminating Matter Harmful to Juveniles – ORC § 2907.31
- Pandering Obscenity Involving a Minor – ORC § 2907.321
- Pandering Sexually Oriented Matter Involving a Minor – ORC § 2907.322
- Illegal Use of a Minor in Nudity-Oriented Material – ORC § 2907.323

Rates of sexting among teens are on the rise!



28% of teens report having sent their own naked picture
68% of female teens report being asked to send a sext
46% of male teens report asking someone to send a sext



Please join us for a presentation on this topic from the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office
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Worthington Middle and High Schools
Parent Information Night
Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00pm
Worthington Education Center
200 E. Wilson Bridge Road, Worthington, OH 43085



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