**What is sexting?**



* Sexting is sending sexually explicit images via text, email, MSN or through social networking sites.
* For example, this could be a picture of a young man or woman without some or all of their clothes on.
* Sometimes people call it Cybersex or sending a nudie, picture or selfie.
* It is illegal. By sending an explicit picture you are producing and sharing child abuse images and this is against the law, *even if the picture is taken and shared with their permission.*
* It is very easy to send a photo or message, but once you have sent it you have NO control about how it is passed on.
* When images are stored or shared online they become public.
* They can be deleted on social media or may only last a few seconds on apps like Snapchat, but images can still be saved pr copies by others.
* These images might never be removed.
* They could be found in the future, for example when applying for jobs and university.
* Don’t do it.

