



***SEXTING  
LAWS &  
RELATIONSHIPS***

## ***WHAT IS SEXTING?***

***THE ACT OF SENDING SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MESSAGES,  
SEMI NUDE OR NUDE PHOTOS VIA CELL PHONE  
CAMERAS AND MESSAGING FEATURES, USUALLY  
BETWEEN YOUNG PEOPLE.***

## ***WHAT IS SELF-DISCLOSURE?***

***SHARING PRIVATE OR PERSONAL THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS WITH SOMEONE.***

# ***SEXTING LAW ASPECTS:***

Under federal law, persons convicted of possessing or distributing child pornography or exploitation may face:

- Minimum 5 years in prison up to maximum 20 years.

Sending sexually explicit images of minors on cell phones is punishable by California law:

- Up to 3 years and \$2500 fine
- 3 year statute of limitations (a law prescribing a period of time for the bringing of certain kinds of legal action).

Lifetime duty to register as a sex offender (if tried in a Federal Court).

# ***CALIFORNIA PENAL CODE***

PC 311: Definition of “Obscene Matter”:

Matter taken as a whole that to the average person applying contemporary statewide standards, appeals to the prurient interest , as a whole, depicts or describe sexual conduct in an offensive way.

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PC 311.11: Possession or control of matter depicting minor engaging in or simulating sexual conduct.

## ***CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE***

Ed Code 48900(r): says a student may be suspended or expelled if he/she engaged in an act of bullying, including, but not limited to, bullying committed by means of an electronic act.

Ed Code 48900.4: prohibits 'harassment, threats, intimidation'.

(A) "Electronic act" means the transmission, by means of an electronic device, including, but not limited to, a telephone, wireless telephone, or other wireless communication device, computer, or pager, of a communication. (i) A message, text, sound, or image.

Ed Code 48900.2: '[sexual harassment] must be ... sufficiently severe or pervasive to have a negative impact upon the individual's academic performance or to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment'.

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## ***DISCUSS:***

- ***WHAT DID TEENS IDENTIFY AS SOME OF THE REASONS WHY PEOPLE SEXT?***
- ***WHAT DID THEY SAY WERE SOME OF THE RISKS?***



## ***RED FLAG FEELING***

***WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS ON DIGITAL MEDIA  
THAT MAKES YOU FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE,  
WORRIED, SAD, OR ANXIOUS.***

## **IT IS *NEVER* OK TO:**

- **PRESSURE SOMEONE** INTO DOING SOMETHING THEY'RE NOT COMFORTABLE WITH, LIKE SEXTING.
- **SHARE OR FORWARD** A SEXT THAT SOMEONE HAS SENT TO YOU. YOUR ACTIONS COULD EMBARRASS, HUMILIATE, AND DEVASTATE SOMEONE.
- **FEEL PRESSURED** TO SEXT BY BEING HARASSED OR EVEN BLACKMAILED.

**BLOCK THE CONTACT, TELL A TRUSTED ADULT, AND CALL YOUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OR THE **CRISIS TEXT LINE**.**

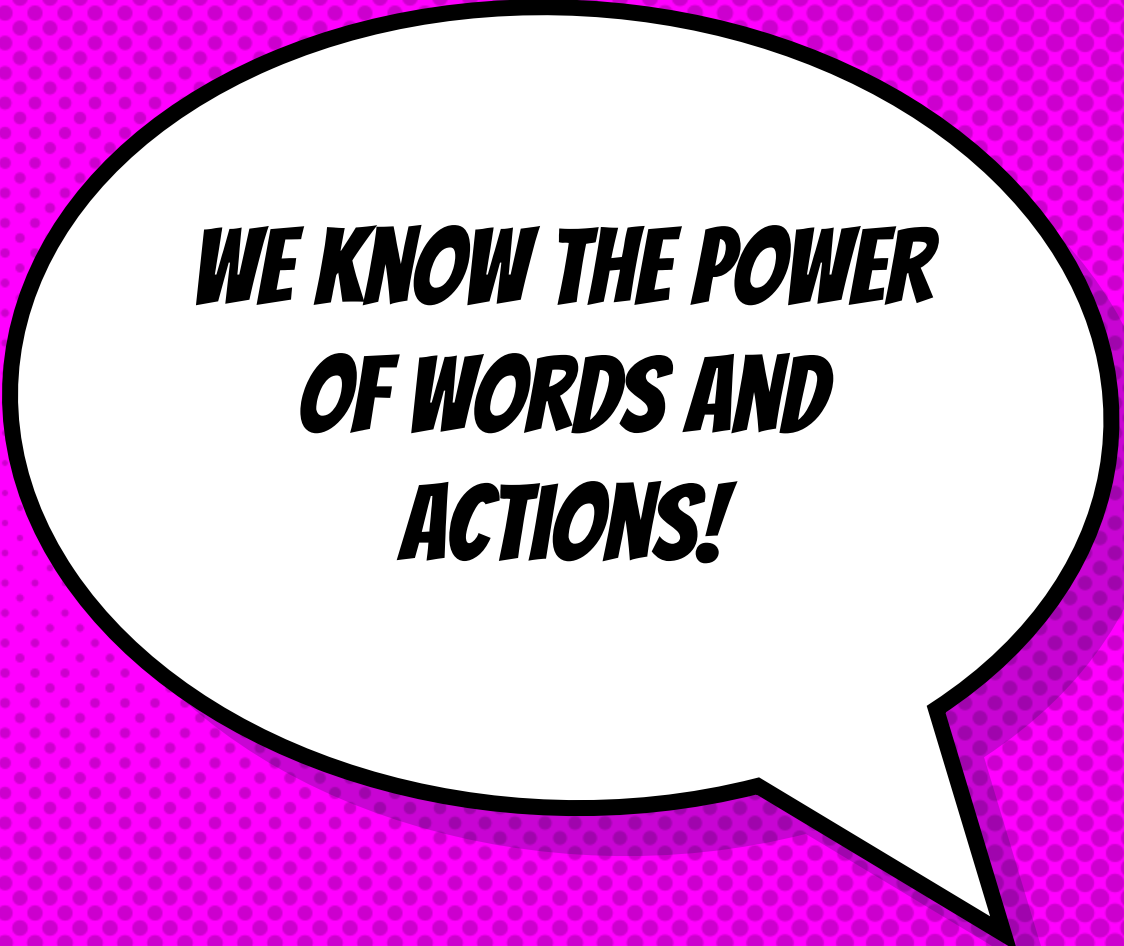
# ***VIDEO:***



# ***VIDEO FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS***

***TURN TO A PARTNER AND SHARE WHAT LAWS WERE BROKEN  
IN THIS VIDEO.***

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***WE KNOW THE POWER  
OF WORDS AND  
ACTIONS!***