



**Devon and Cornwall Police and Dorset Police**



# **Sexting**



**Information and advice**



**Sexting is a new word.**

**Sexting is when someone sends or gets sexual photos or messages on their mobile phone.**

**Sexting includes taking video, sharing or having sexual pictures of young people who are under 18 years old.**



**Anyone who has sexual pictures of people under 18 is committing a criminal offence.**



**You have been given this booklet because you or your child has been involved with Sexting.**



**The booklet explains what the Police have done about the Sexting and where you can get information and advice.**



**The Protection of Children Act 1978 and the Criminal Justice Act 1998 say that the Police must keep a record about Sexting.**



**The Police have put you / your child's information on to the Police system because of the Sexting.**

**The Police have looked at this case and will not be looking in to this matter anymore.**

CRB/DBS Checks



**If you need a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check in the future, the information about the Sexting may not show unless something like this happens again.**



**The Chief Police Officer will decide whether to give information to DBS or to other organisations that may ask.**



**This does not mean that you / your child has a criminal record.**



**It does mean that the Police have your/ your child's information on their records.**

CRB/DBS Checks



**If there are no other incidents where the Police are involved then the Sexting incident will not show on a DBS check. It will not stop you/ your child working or going to University.**



The Sexting will not stop you / your child travelling to other countries unless there is something else bad that happens with you / your child and the Police.

## Other organisations and advice for young people



**ChildLine** help young people to talk about things that worry them. You can phone, email or chat online.



**Phone – 0800 1111**

**Website:** [childline.org.uk/sexting](http://childline.org.uk/sexting)



**Online chat:**

[childline.org.uk/get-support/1-2-1-counsellor-chat/](http://childline.org.uk/get-support/1-2-1-counsellor-chat/)



**The South West Grid for Learning** have a booklet called 'So you got naked Online!' which gives advice.



**Website:** [swgfl.org.uk](http://swgfl.org.uk)



**Thinkuknow** gives information about advice about sexting for parents and children



**Website:** [thinkuknow.co.uk](http://thinkuknow.co.uk)



**Zipit App** gives you pictures to send to someone who is asking for sexual pictures. The App is free to download.



Website: [childline.org.uk/sexting/zipit-app](http://childline.org.uk/sexting/zipit-app)



**The Internet Watch Foundation** help to get sexual or naked pictures of people under 18 taken off the internet.



Website: [iwf.org.uk](http://iwf.org.uk)

## Other organisations and advice for Parents/ Carers



There are lots of reasons why a young person might take and share sexual pictures. It is important to try and talk about the issue so they know about the risks and so they can make good choices.



**The NSPCC** give information and advice about Sexting and other issues.

Phone: 0808 800 500



Website: [nspcc.org.uk](http://nspcc.org.uk)



The **UK Safer Internet Centre** has information about how to use social networks safely



Website: [saferinternet.org.uk/checklists](http://saferinternet.org.uk/checklists)



**Parent info** give lots of helpful information and advice about lots of issues including sexting.



Website: [parentinfo.org](http://parentinfo.org)



**ThinkUknow** has information for parents about lots of different issues. There is a film to help parents to stop their children being harmed by sexual pictures.



Website: [thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://thinkuknow.co.uk/parents)



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**CEOP**. You can tell CEOP if you are worried about online abuse or messages.  
[ceop.police.uk/safety-centre](http://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre)



**Victim Care Unit (Devon and Cornwall)**  
[Victimcaredevonandcornwall.org.uk](http://Victimcaredevonandcornwall.org.uk)



## Please remember....

If anyone is making you feel uncomfortable online about sex, or is asking you to send pictures of yourself, make sure you tell an adult you trust.

You can also tell the Police.



In an emergency always ring 999.

Non-emergency in Devon and Cornwall

[101@dc.police.uk](mailto:101@dc.police.uk)

[dc.police.uk/101](http://dc.police.uk/101)

[dc.police.uk/reportcrime](http://dc.police.uk/reportcrime)

101



Non-emergency in Dorset

[101@dorset.police.uk](mailto:101@dorset.police.uk)

[dorset.police.uk/do-it-online](http://dorset.police.uk/do-it-online)

101



## Deaf / hard of hearing or speech impaired

Emergency

999 Emergency-SMS/ text number  
(register now [emergencysms.org.uk](http://emergencysms.org.uk))

18000 Emergency – Minicom/ textphone  
number



Non- emergency

67101 Non- Emergency-SMS/Text number  
(register now [emergencysms.org.uk](http://emergencysms.org.uk))

18001 101 Non-emergency-  
minicom/textphone number.





Please read and sign below.

You do not have to sign this form.  
If you do not sign it, the Police may take away your phone or anything that shows sexual pictures of people under 18.

**Copy for you to keep.**

I understand why I have been given this information about Sexting.  
I have removed all the sexual pictures that I know about.  
I understand that if I do not remove the sexual pictures the Police could carry out more investigations.



Name .....



Date.....

Name of Parent/ carer.....

Relationship to child.....

Officers name.....

Force number.....







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