

Session Plan: Sexting	Duration: Approximately 55 Minutes	Age Group: KS3 – KS4
Aim: To raise young people's awareness sexting and the implications of sharing inappropriate images of themselves and others		
Objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raise awareness of the legal consequences around sexting 2. Raise awareness of the personal consequences around sexting 3. Raise awareness of what to do if you have been involved in sexting 4. Raise basic awareness of internet safety 		
Resources (see appendix) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List of images 2. Information on SAP Scale for workers to refer to 3. At what point is an offence committed sheet 4. Overview of law 5. NSPCC share aware videos (I saw your willy and Lucy and the boy) 		
Time (mins)	Content – including teaching methods and resources used	
0 – 10	Introduce the session:	
	Full group discussion: What is Sexting and what kind of images might it include. Use list of images to aid discussion. (also SAP image scale for facilitator reference)	
10 – 20	Show NSPCC 'I saw your willy' and 'Lucy and the Boy'. Hold a full group discussion – what impact did sharing the image have in both situations (encourage the group to think about parents / school / siblings / jobs / safety)	
20 – 35	Small groups: Thinking about the films, what other consequences might there be from sharing images and what key messages would you give to other young people? <i>Mention consent / peer pressure and the need to report if they have been pressured into creating / sending the image</i>	
35 – 50	Small group work and feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Law and consequences – at what point is an offence committed? See additional sheet. 	

50 – 55 What to do if . . . report to CEOP / Childline, contact Social Networks directly to remove images / block unwanted contact, also Police if need be.

Main message – **talk to a trusted adult**

Additional 'sexting' resources

We acknowledge that this is a significant topic that cannot be completely explored within 60 minutes, in addition that some discussions may take longer than others dependant on the group and individual experiences.

Many additional resources are available and can be used with or instead of the suggested activities above.

Video resources:

- Think u know <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> comprehensive site for all things online safety – you must register to use some resources, sexting is comprehensively covered, including resources for parents
- NSPCC – Share aware: http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Grant_shareaware2014&utm_term=share_aware&gclid=CMOvkMe238YCFa3MtAodEsQGwQ&gclidsrc=aw.ds sexting campaign

KS2 but appropriate for older

- NSPCC net aware: <http://www.net-aware.org.uk/#> information about current social networking sites
- <https://www.childline.org.uk/Play/GetInvolved/Pages/sexting-zipit-app.aspx>
- <http://www.childnet.com/ufiles/So%20you%20got%20naked%20online.pdf>
- <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Nude-selfies-a-parents-guide/>
- <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/sexting/>
- <https://www.childline.org.uk/explore/onlinesafety/pages/sexting.aspx>
- <http://www.childnet.com/young-people/secondary/hot-topics/sexting>

List of images prompts for discussion

Male topless

Female topless

Under 18 male or female topless

Under 16 male or female topless

Full nude any age

Pose in underwear? Pose in swimwear

Photo by beach / pool

Pose in shower

Pose in dressing gown on bed

At what stage does an offence take place.....?

1. 14 year old at home takes pictures of his penis? Explain the 14 year old is on his own and no-one has forced him to do it he just thinks it'll be funny to do
2. What if he's 16 years old?
3. He sends it to his 16 year old girlfriend.
4. She sends it to one of his mates (girlfriend finds this hilarious and has no malice or sexual perversion in her intent)
5. Mate puts it on Facebook
6. Another friend prints it off and puts it on school notice board

1. Offence here of make an indecent image of a child (see law information)
Change the age to 16 years and see what they say. It is criminal to make an indecent image of an under 18 year old.
2. Still a crime - make an indecent image of a child.
3. Criminal to 'distribute' indecent images of children, she is now in possession of indecent image
4. This is still 'distribute' and they will also be in possession
5. Again distribute.
6. Again distribute.

The law and confidentiality

Any image of any individual under the age of 18 which could have sexual interpretation is seen as an indecent image, Indecent image can include images in underwear as well as nudity

- The law sees any person under 18 as a child therefore If anybody under the age of 18 creates, sends, receives, uploads or forward indecent images or videos of another child (under 18) onto friends or boyfriends/girlfriends, they are breaking the law, even if they are photos / videos / of themselves ("selfies").
- The age of criminal responsibility is 10 and therefore anyone over this age would be committing a crime if involved in any of the above
- This is because they would technically be in possession of **an indecent image of a child** – even if they are the same age and in a relationship.
- This is an offence under the Protection of Children Act 1978 and the Criminal Justice Act 1988.
- An investigation will take place but the outcome will be dependant on the image

Indecent image of a child (under 18 years of age)

The word 'indecent' has not been defined by the PCA 1978, but case law has said that it is for the jury to decide based on the recognized standards of propriety.

SAP Scale

Police use the SAP scale in order to categorise the level of indecency in these pictures. This ranges from:

- Level 1 – pictures depicting nudity or erotic posing with no sexual activity i.e. 13 year old taking pictures in her underwear

to

- Level 5 – Bestiality/sadism i.e. woman having sex with dog (possess extreme porn is also criminal)

Teenage female cases generally involve level 1 images of teenagers sexually posing in their underwear (these are still classed as indecent).

Teenage male offences are generally photos/videos of them masturbating (level 2 images).

Consequences of legal involvement:

- Community resolution
- Caution
- Conditional caution
- Sex offenders register

A caution will remain on a person's PNC record and is spent immediately however when applying for a DBS certificate spent and unspent convictions and cautions are included in the certificate but are subject to filtering rules:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/dbs-filtering-guidance>

This means that while the caution will remain on the record, it will be filtered after 2 years for offences when the subject was under 18 and after 6 years where the subject was 18 or over and therefore will not appear on the certificate unless the offences is on a list of offences that will never weed which includes sex offences:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-list-of-offences-that-will-never-be-filtered-from-a-criminal-record-check>

While cautions and convictions are subject to filtering, details about the offence can still be disclosed on the certificate by the police in the other information section if the police consider that the offence is relevant and indicates a risk to those in the sector the applicant has applied to work in. There is a proportionality test applied before disclosure is made as there would need to be a compelling reason to include the offence on the certificate if has been filtered.

NB community Resolutions may also appear on a DBS