

# Safety tips & Advice

## SEXTING SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

Sexting refers to the sending of provocative or sexual photos, messages or videos, generally using a mobile phone or posting this type of material online.

While the prevalence amongst children is not known, anecdotal evidence of cases does raise cause for concerns. Engaging in this activity can result in serious sexual offences being committed by all parties. The result may be a criminal conviction or being registered as a serious sexual offender. This can have impact on future employment, travel and relationships. A simple act can result in a lifetime of shame.

- **Warn your child** about the consequences of sexting, both socially and legally.
- **Remind them to think before they act** – taking or sending sexual images, even of themselves, has ramifications may be illegal.
- **Remind your child to delete** any sexual content they receive from others and to avoid forwarding this type of content.
- **Remind your child to consider** the feelings of others when distributing any content by mobile phone or online.
- **Learn how to use your child's mobile phone** and talk with them about what they can and can't do with it.
- **If you are concerned** that a sexting incident may be a criminal matter, contact your local police.

Further safety tips can be found at the Australian Communication and Media Authority (ACMA) website at <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au> or the ThinkUKnow website produced by the Australian Federal Police in conjunction with Microsoft at <http://www.thinkuknow.org.au>



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