

Your Kids – Sexting, Bullying & Social Media

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What is Sexting?

- A combination of the words “sex” and “texting”
- The term used to describe sending and receiving sexually explicit messages, or nude or semi-nude photographs or videos electronically (primarily between cell phones, but can occur between any media-sharing device or other technologies).



How's it being done?

- Computers, Laptops
- iPods (*wifi)
- iPads, Tablets
- Cellphones
- Connecting through online gaming





Why is it happening?

- Reasons why teens have sent or posted sexually suggestive content
 - Most say it is a “fun and flirtatious” activity.
 - As a “sexy present” for a boyfriend , girlfriend or partner
 - In response to a sexually suggestive messages or images they received
 - As a perceived “joke”
 - Exploring their sexuality
 - To get noticed from the opposite sex
 - To get positive feedback and attention from s/o they're interested in





Device concerns:

Cellphones, iPads, iPods etc

- Sexting
- Cyber bullying (victim or perpetrator!)
- Predators/Luring/Safety





Social Consequences?!

- Pictures and Videos can be easily and quickly shared with others
- Once the message or image is in cyberspace, the sender loses control over the material and cannot assume that it will remain private
- Even the police can't get those images back!!
- Nothing in cyberspace ever gets deleted



Social Consequences?!

- Friends, enemies, parents, teachers, coaches, police, strangers, sexual predators and potential employers may receive or find past postings
- Loss of friendships, fall outs at school
- Potentially outing someone
- Reaction from family / religious consequences





Criminal consequences

- Criminal Offences associated with Sexting
 - Possession & Distribution, Accessing of Child Pornography
 - (Having a picture or video, looking at it on the internet or just simply showing someone)
 - Luring
 - (asking someone to do a sexual act over the computer)
 - Voyeurism
 - (taking a picture or video for a sexual purpose without someone knowing)
 - Threats /Extortion
 - (telling someone you'll distribute their pictures unless they provide more)





Bill C-13 Anti-Cyberbullying law

- **162.1 (1)** Everyone who knowingly publishes, distributes, transmits, sells, makes available or advertises an intimate image of a person knowing that the person depicted in the image did not give their consent to that conduct, or being reckless as to whether or not that person gave their consent to that conduct, is guilty
 - (a) of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than five years; or
 - (b) of an offence punishable on summary conviction.



Bill C-13

Definition of “intimate image”

- (2) In this section, *intimate image* means a visual recording of a person made by any means including a photographic, film or video recording,
- (a) in which the person is nude, is exposing his or her genital organs or anal region or her breasts or is engaged in explicit sexual activity;
- (b) in respect of which, at the time of the recording, there were circumstances that gave rise to a reasonable expectation of privacy; and
- (c) in respect of which the person depicted retains a reasonable expectation of privacy at the time the offence is committed.



OPS – I.C.E. unit

- Sexting investigations
 - Interviews
 - Ensuring photos are deleted
 - Ensuring no threats/extortion
 - *person in a position of authority*
- Sex Offender Registry
 - Conviction of a sexually motivated offence
 - Released from custodial sentence, reporting to local police service, 10 years/Life





consequences

- Bullying
- Depression
- Suicide





What should parents do?

- Logging all chats!!!!
- What is a “friend” “follower”
- Who are you really talking with? Asking questions if they’re not sure who they’re chatting with
- Not allowing someone they don’t know on their contact or friends list
- Telling someone if they are asked to do something they’re not comfortable with





Cont'd:

- Being cautious about information they're posting on a blog or message boards
- Not believing everything they're told on the Internet
- Never arranging to meet anyone they have met on the Internet
- Geo-tagging – Turning off GPS on cell phone.



What should kids do?

THINK BEFORE THEY POST!!

- **TELL** someone
 - A Trusted Adult, Student Services, Teacher, Parent, Police
- Don't send anything else, even if threatened to do so!
 - Don't delete any communications (text or photo) as they are required for evidentiary purposes.
- Tell someone if they think a friend may be in trouble or needs help!
- If they receive an inappropriate text message/picture?
 - Tell a trusted adult
- Delete the picture immediately
 - If they keep it, they **ARE** in possession of child pornography and can be charged criminally!



Bullying – Criminal Offences:

- Assault
- Uttering Threats
- Criminal Harassment



Assault s.266 CCC

Assault - anyone who:

- *applies force without consent
(CANNOT consent to bodily harm)
- *attempts or threatens, by act or gesture, to apply force
- *openly wearing/carrying a weapon or imitation

Eg. Fights in the hallways, pushing/shoving, brandishing a weapon



(Google images)



Uttering Threats s.264(1)(a) CCC

Uttering threats – anyone who:

*by word of mouth, telephone, electronically

*utters, convey or cause someone to receive a threat





Criminal harassment S.264 CCC

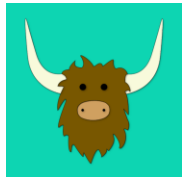
Criminal Harassment – anyone who:

*repeatedly communicates with a person

*repeatedly follows another person

*engages in threatening conduct towards a person

that causes that other person reasonably, in all the circumstances, to fear for their safety or the safety of anyone known to them.





YCJA – Quick Facts

- Based on Progressive Discipline
 - Verbal / Formal warnings
 - Pre-charge Diversion
 - Post Charge Diversion
 - Charge
 - Convictions remain on record for 5 years
 - (eg. Conviction at 16 y/o will stay until 21 y/o)





Intent of the YCJA:

- - Prevent crime by addressing the circumstances underlying the YP offending behaviour;
- Rehabilitate YP who commit offences and reintegrate them into society;
- Ensure that YP is subject to meaningful consequences



Diversion Program:

- Grounds & Evidence to proceed with a criminal charge;
- YP accepts responsibility for their actions
- Tailored diversion program to address the needs of the YP
- (eg. Anger management, anti-theft, addictions counseling)
 - Failure to successfully complete could lead to file being processed through Criminal Court.



Trending apps





SNAPCHAT

- Allows the user to send photos/videos to anyone on their “friend list”
- Sender determines how long the receiver can view the image before it “self destructs”
- #1 app used for sexting; belief that it’s a safer way send photos/videos
- Photos can be easily recovered/screenshots taken





KIK MESSENGER

- Instant messenger app
- Allows users to exchange videos, pics and sketches
- Users can also send YouTube videos and create memes and digital gifs (short loop video)
- KIK uses a handle name (eg. @instagram_name)
- KIK usernames are often given out on other social media Apps.
- No parental controls, rated 17+





ASK.FM

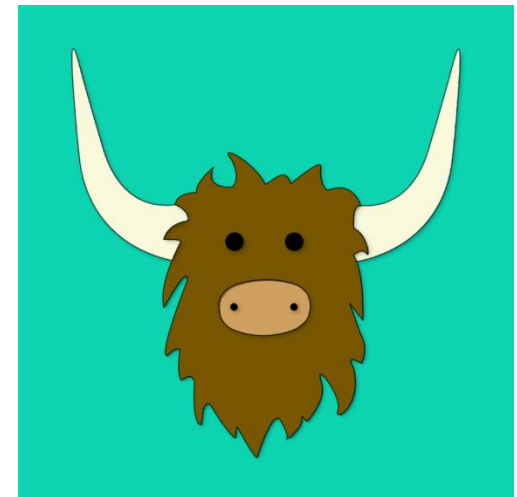
- One of the most popular social networking apps
- Mostly used by kids/youth
- Question and answer site which allows the user to remain anonymous
- Misuse: kids will often ask repeated derogatory questions that target one person
- Consequence-free forum for cyber-bullying





YIK YAK

- Text only app that allows users to post “yaks” up to 200 characters
- Viewed by the 500 closest “Yakkers”, as determined by GPS tracking
- Posts are anonymous, however kids are revealing personal information about themselves and others
- Users can post inappropriate content





INSTAGRAM

- Photo/video sharing app and social networking service
- Allows users to share their posts on a variety of social media sites (Twitter, facebook, Tumblr, Flickr)
- Users can search by #hashtags or @usernames
- Open forum into the users life, friends, school, and activities
- Privacy settings can be set so “followers” have to be approved
- Often users profiles are open, in order to gain a larger number of followers
- Online predators use this site to target vulnerable users





FACEBOOK

- Social networking site
- Ability to link to users Twitter/Tumblr/Flickr accounts
- Verifying that privacy settings are closed, after automatic software updates
- “Friending” strangers
- Friends list clean up: ask you child how they know their friends





YOUNOW

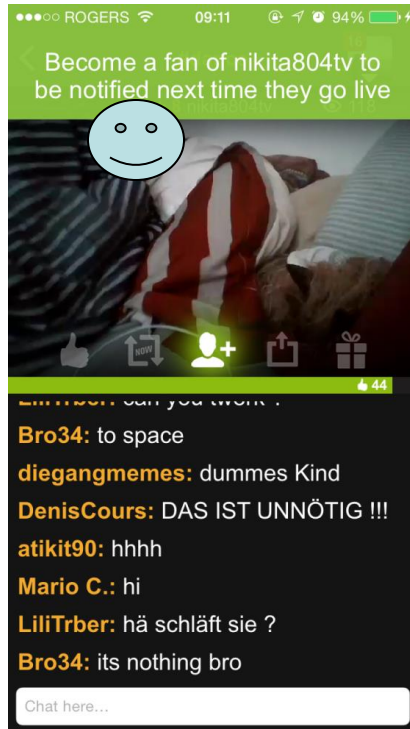
- Live broadcast site – often broadcasting from their bedrooms
- Search users by trending #hashtags
- Ability to ask questions to broadcasting users
- Misuse: harrassing/rude comments and questions can be posted
- Sexually explicit material ca be posted
- Privacy settings are limited, anyone can view your broadcast



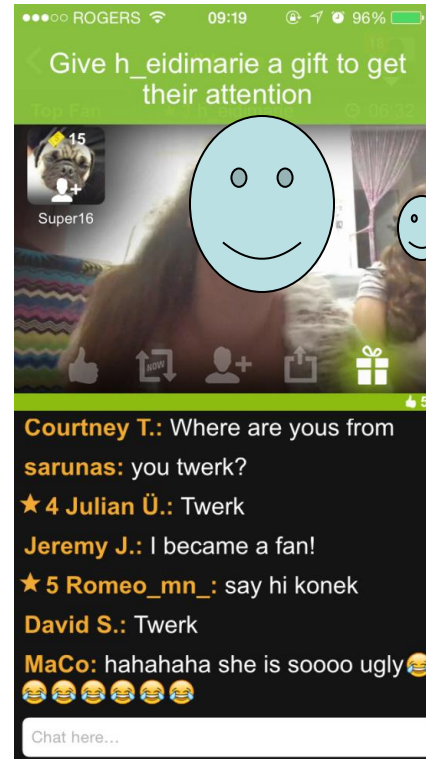


Younow example

There were 124 people watching this young girl sleeping



Webcam in the bedroom





TWITTER

- Social media app that allows users to send and read short posts called “Tweets” of 140 characters
- Users can follow @otherusers and receive their updates
- Users can search by #hashtags, can be connected to users facebook account.





POOF

- Allows users to hide apps on their phone
- No longer available, but still useable if it was previously downloaded
- Other apps: “hidden apps” “App lock” “hide it pro”





What can you do?

- Cell phone curfew each night
- Discuss legal and Social consequences
- Know your teen's Social Media accounts and passwords
 - Make this a condition of their cell phone use!
- Parental Internet Monitoring Software
 - Net Nanny
 - Cyber Security



Parents:

- Review the Terms Of Service with your children
- Report abusive/offensive content to the administrators of the app
- If your child runs into trouble when using the apps, become of victim of an offence ?
 - Criminal – report to police
 - Often these issues spill into the school – open communication with school admin





Additional resources for parents:

- ottawapolice.ca
- Thedoorthatsnotlocked.ca
- Cybertip.ca
- Kidsintheknow.ca
- Cyberwise.ca
- Mobility.protectchildren.ca
- www.urbandictionary.com/





Questions?

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