



DIGITAL DRAMA PREVENTION TOOLKIT

Before You Text...

Sexting Prevention Educational Program for Texas

Provides a familiarity with and an understanding of the terminology and concepts of sexting, consequences of sexting, and the permanence of digital images. This program may be used in part or in its entirety as an educational tool. There is also an accompanying test to demonstrate successful completion of this program. A certificate of successful completion is available for printing, upon answering 80% or more of the test questions correctly. The Sexting Prevention Educational Program places special emphasis on preventing sexting by minors to address the legal, social, emotional, educational and/or career impact. beforeyoutext.com

A Thin Line

MTV's A Thin Line Campaign

The Web and cell phones help us communicate, connect and learn in ways we never could before, but they've also forever changed how we interact with others. Things we used to share in person – and in private – can now be broadcast to thousands, instantly. Sometimes we type things we would never say to someone's face. As a result, new issues like forced sexting, textual harassment and cyberbullying have emerged, which now affect a majority of young people in the U.S. MTV's A Thin Line campaign was developed to empower you to identify, respond to, and stop the spread of digital abuse in your life and amongst your peers. The campaign is built on the understanding that there's a "thin line" between what may begin as a harmless joke and something that could end up having a serious impact on you or someone else. We know no generation has ever had to deal with this, so we want to partner with you to help figure it out. On-air, online and on your cell, we hope to spark a conversation and deliver information that helps you draw your own digital line. athinline.org

Common Sense Media

We rate, educate, and advocate for kids, families, and schools .

Common Sense Media is dedicated to improving the lives of kids and families by providing the trustworthy information, education, and independent voice they need to thrive in a world of media and technology. We exist because our nation's children spend more time with media and digital activities than they do with their families or in school, which profoundly impacts their social, emotional, and physical development . As a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization, we provide trustworthy information and tools, as well as an independent forum, so that families can have a choice and a voice about the media they consume. commonsensemedia.org

That's Not Cool

That's Not Cool Campaign

Your cell phone, IM, and online profile are all digital extensions of who you are. When someone you're with pressures or disrespects you in those places, that's not cool. That's Not Cool provides tools to help you draw your digital line about what is, or is not, okay in your relationships. That's Not Cool is a national public education campaign that uses digital examples of controlling, pressuring, and threatening behavior to raise awareness about and prevent teen dating abuse. That's Not Cool is sponsored and co-created by Futures Without Violence (formerly Family Violence Prevention Fund), the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women, and the Advertising Council. thatsnotcool.com

The National Campaign—Sex Tech

Results from a Survey of Teens and Young Adults

In an effort to better understand the intersection between sex and cyberspace with respect to attitudes and behavior, The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy and CosmoGirl.com commissioned a survey of teens and young adults to explore electronic activity. This is the first public study of its kind to quantify the proportion of teens and young adults that are sending or posting sexually suggestive text and images. Please visit The National Campaign—Sex Tech for additional data from the survey, relevant tips for teens and parents, and other related materials. TheNationalCampaign.org/sextech

APPS TO BE AWARE OF

Unfortunately, there is no comprehensive list of apps to be concerned with. During my research with students & professionals, it appears that if an app can be used to communicate statements or ideas, it can be used for sexting or cyberbullying as well. Ultimately, supervision & education remain a parent or professional's best defense against digital drama.



SEXTING & TEXAS LAW

Texas Senate Bill 407 (June 17, 2011) requires that all school districts make information about a *Sexting Prevention Education Program* available every year to both parents and students in a grade level that the district considers appropriate.

