

**22% of teens  
13-19 have sent  
or posted nude or  
semi-nude pictures  
of themselves**

**52% of  
teenage girls  
used Sexting as a  
"sexy present"  
for their  
boyfriends**

**48% of teens  
say they  
have received  
unsolicited  
Sext messages**

## Resources:

[www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org)  
[www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com)  
[www.michiganicac.com](http://www.michiganicac.com)  
[www.connectsafely.org](http://www.connectsafely.org)

National Cyber Hotline -- 1-800-843-5678  
MACE Hotline -- 1-586-469-5151 Press 1



**Don't Let Sexting  
Ruin Your Image!!**

## Presentations:

If you are interested in having one of our M.A.C.E. Deputies give a Sexting presentation, please go to the Macomb County Sheriff's Web-Page, [www.macombsheriff.com](http://www.macombsheriff.com) and click on **Find Forms** on the lower left hand side. Then click on **MACE Request Form**.

Fill out the form and follow the instructions to submit it. You will then be contacted by a representative from the M.A.C.E. Unit to get more details and schedule your presentation.



# M.A.C.E.

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## Sexting

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Sexting is a growing problem across the country and is becoming a real danger that may impact your teenager and your family.

The Sheriff's Office takes this issue very serious, and we want to do all we can to make sure you and your children are properly informed.

Please review this flyer to get a better understanding of what Sexting is and what you as a parent can do.

Our M.A.C.E. Unit has developed a specific Sexting presentation that we can cater to a variety of ages. If you know of a group that could benefit from this, please follow the instructions on the back of this flyer to have a M.A.C.E. Deputy contact them.

## What Is Sexting?

Sexting is the act of sending sexually explicit messages or photographs, primarily between mobile phones.

## Is Sexting A Crime?

In Michigan, Sexting remains a felony stemming from child pornography laws. Thus, a minor under the age of 18 who sends a nude or semi-nude photo of himself or herself to a girlfriend or boyfriend may be charged with possession and distribution of child pornography, a charge with significant lifelong consequences, such as having to place your name on the sex crimes registry.

For teens, the consequences of Sexting are the same for adults in most states, but could also prevent students from receiving college scholarships, job offers, in addition to the embarrassment of having your nude photographs floating around the internet.



## What Can Parents Do?

- Make sure your children know the long term dangers of taking and sending a sexually explicit photo of themselves.
- Help your children to understand that once a photo is sent, you cannot control where it goes next. Cyber Space is never private.



- Ensure your children have no sexually explicit photos on their phone of themselves, or of anyone else. Remind them that their phones may not always be in their possession.
- Give your children instructions on what to do if they do receive an unsolicited text message with a sexually explicit photo in it... **DO NOT FORWARD!**

