

**WHAT TO DO IF YOU RECEIVE A NUDE  
OR SEMI-NUDE PICTURE**

**DO NOT** delete the material.

**DO NOT** respond back.

Report it to an adult, parent, sheriff, police officer,  
school resource officer, school staff member  
immediately.

RECEIVING nude or semi-nude  
pictures is **NOT** a crime.

**KEEPING** them and **SENDING**  
them is a **CRIME!**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

El Paso County Sheriff's Office

✧ *Dispatch:* (719) 390-5555 or (719) 390-2222

✧ *Patrol Sergeant's Office:* (719) 520-7153

(719) 520-7270

✧ *Investigations:* (719) 520-7155

✧ *Community Support:* (719) 520-7349

✧ *Victim Assistance:* (719) 520-7272, (719) 520-7235

(719) 520-7237

District Attorney's Office: (719) 520-6000

Special Victims Unit: (719) 520-6101

Safe 2 Tell: (719) 520-7435

Anonymous Tip Line 1-877-542-7233

**El Paso County Sheriff's Office**

**Victim Assistance Program**

The Victim Assistance Program is available for resource information and referrals to local community resources. When appropriate you can apply for victim compensation for counseling, TeenPower or KidPower which are boundary setting, safety planning and self defense classes.

El Paso County Sheriff's Office

Victim Assistance Program

101 W Costilla Street

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

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Fax: (719) 520-7243



Safe 2 Tell's mission is to ensure that every Colorado student, parent, teacher and community member has access to a safe and anonymous way to report any concerns to their safety or the safety of others, with a focus on early intervention and preventions through awareness and education. For information about Safe 2 Tell or if you have questions please call (719) 520-7435 or go to [www.safe2tell.org](http://www.safe2tell.org).

To place an anonymous report please contact the Safe 2Tell tipline at 1-877-542-SAFE (7233)

**INTERNET SAFETY PRESENTATIONS**

For more information about sexting or internet safety please visit our website at [www.shr.elpasoco.com](http://www.shr.elpasoco.com) and select Internet Safety Tips. If you are interested in having someone from the Sheriff's Office present an internet safety presentation to your club or group please email [internetsafety@elpasoco.com](mailto:internetsafety@elpasoco.com) or call 719-520-7349. Presentations have been developed for pre-teens, teenagers and parents.

**ATTENTION PARENTS: Are you aware that you have the ability to turn off multi-media texting with your phone carrier?**

**Local Law Enforcement Agencies**

**El Paso County Sheriff's Office**

*Dispatch*

(719) 390-5555 or (719) 390-2222

**Calhan Marshall's Office**

(719) 347-2586

**Colorado Springs Police Department**

(719) 444-7000

**Fountain Police Department**

(719) 382-8555

**Green Mountain Falls Marshal's Office**

(719) 684-9415

**Manitou Springs Police Department**

(719) 685-5407

**Monument Police Department**

(719) 481-3253

**Palmer Lake Marshal's Office**

(719) 481-2934

**Woodmoor Public Safety**

(719) 488-3600



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**You've got to see this!! :)**



**Hey check this out!!!**

# What is Sexting? Sending nude or semi-nude photos of themselves to friends, boyfriends or girlfriends who sometimes send them to other classmates who can then send them to anyone.

- ◆ 45% of teens have cell phones
- ◆ 75% of teens use IM (Instant Messaging)
- ◆ 48% of teens use IM (Instant Messaging) daily
- ◆ 1 in 5 teens stated they have texted nude or semi-nude pictures of themselves
- ◆ 11% of girls (13-16) have texted nude or semi-nude pictures of themselves
- ◆ 18% of teen boys have sent nude or semi-nude photos via cell phone
- ◆ 44% of teen boys say they have seen a nude photo of a female classmate
- ◆ 1/3 of teen boys and 1/4 of teen girls stated they have received nude photos that were originally intended to be private
- ◆ 39% of students (13-19) are sending/posting sexually suggestive messages over text or email
- ◆ Of that 38%-50% said the messages include nude photos of themselves

(The National Campaign 2009)

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Regardless of the situation it is illegal to possess, distribute, or manufacture semi-nude/ nude pictures (sexually exploitive material) of anyone less than 18 years of age.

## “SEXTING” AND THE LAW

There are a few state laws that apply to “Sexting”. The following is a summary of those laws.

### Sexual Exploitation of Children.

Any person, for any purpose, who knowingly makes, publishes, promotes, distributes, sells, offers, exhibits, possesses, or controls any sexually exploitative material (legal definition for child pornography) by any means (to include digital or electronic) is guilty of this crime. Distribution or production is a Class 3 felony and possession is either a class 4 or class 6 felony depending on the amount possessed.

### Promotion of Obscenity to a minor.

A person commits promotion of obscenity to a minor if, knowing the content, they promote, or possess, with intent to promote to a minor, any obscene material. This is a class 6 felony.

### Unlawful Sexual Contact

Any person who knowingly observes or takes a photograph of another person’s intimate parts without that person’s consent, in a situation where the person observed has a reasonable expectation of privacy commits unlawful sexual contact.

Anyone convicted of the crimes listed above is subject to becoming a registered sex offender with your name and address listed on both the **local and national sex offenders’ registry** and sex offender treatment for several years.

“A nude image loose in cyberspace can torpedo a college application or job search. Worse, it can end up in the hands of a sexual predator. ... Teens in several states have been charged with felonies — including sexual abuse of a minor and distributing or possessing child pornography — or sexting. In many cases, a conviction comes with a mandatory lifelong listing on a sex offender registry.” (Chicago Tribune 2009)

Actor/ Victim	Description of Crime	Statute	Class of Crime	Max Penalty	Equivalent to:
Actor - Any Age Victim - Minor	Actor sends nude text picture of Adult to Victim	18-7-102 Obscenity	F6	1 to 1.5 yrs Jail and/or \$1000 - \$100,000 fine	
Actor - Any Age Victim - Minor	Actor sends nude text picture of a minor to Victim	18-6-403 Sexual Exploitation of Children 18-7-102 Obscenity	F3 F6	4 to 12 yrs Jail and/or \$3000 - \$750,000 fine	Assault Manslaughter Vehicular Homicide
Actor - Any Age Victim - Adult	Actor takes nude photo of Victim with cell phone, without Consent	18-3-404 Unlawful Sexual Contact	M1	6 months Jail and/or \$500 fine	
Actor - Any Age Victim - Minor	Actor possess nude photo of a minor	18-6-403 Exploitation of Children	F3	4 to 12 yrs Jail and/or \$3000 - \$750,000 fine	Assault Manslaughter Vehicular Homicide
Actor - Any Age Victim - Minor	Actor alters a photo of minor victim to appear nude and texts to minor friends	18-6-403 Sexual Exploitation of Children 18-7-102 Obscenity	F3, F6	4 to 12 yrs Jail and/or \$3000 - \$750,000 fine	Assault Manslaughter Vehicular Homicide

Sexting victims experience feelings which are humiliating and degrading due to something that was meant to be private being publicized; in some cases resulting in suicide.

SEX OFFENDER



## NEGATIVE RAMIFICATIONS OF SEXTING

- ◆ Being charged with these crimes can follow you forever and significantly impact your future, ruining your chances for future jobs and education.
- ◆ What is the probability of being accepted into:
  - ◆ A military academy?
  - ◆ The military?
  - ◆ College?
  - ◆ Local or federal law enforcement?
- ◆ Probability of keeping your sports/academic scholarships?
- ◆ Probability of getting your dream job or accepted to your dream college as a registered sex offender?