

10 Things Parents and Children should know about Sexting:

1. **Sexting is** the sharing of explicit photos or words via cell phone.
2. **20% of teenagers** have taken nude or semi-nude pictures or videos of themselves and sent them to another person.
3. **It is illegal** to create explicit pictures of a minor, possess them or distribute them.
4. **About 1 in 5 teens** risk imprisonment for possession of child pornography for sexting, even if consented to.
5. **Sexting makes** your son or daughter more vulnerable to becoming a victim of sexual predators.
6. **While the law** is intended to protect minors from adults, minors are not exempt from the consequences of creating or distributing images even if they are of themselves.
7. **In addition to jail time,** those convicted of sending or possessing explicit photos of a minor may have to register as a sex offender.
8. **Sexting makes** children more vulnerable to "Cyber Bullying".
9. **Cyber Bullying** is when a child or teen is threatened, harassed, humiliated or otherwise targeted by their peers using the Internet, interactive and digital technologies, or cell phones.
10. **Sexting and Cyber Bullying** can make your child's formative middle- and high-school years a nightmare.

Keep Your Kids Safe:

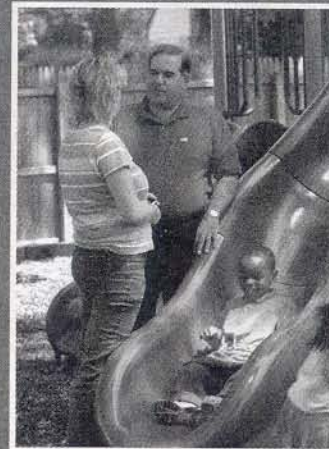
Talk with your kids and inform them about the risks of sexting!

Monitor your child's phone and Internet use.

Be proactive if a situation arises and notify school and law enforcement agencies immediately!

Legislative Alert:

This year, Assemblyman Jim Conte helped to pass legislation that was recently signed into law, allowing families to register with the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) to receive e-mail notification when a registration has been entered or updated in the subdirectory of Level 2 and 3 sex offenders. E-mail updates will be provided free of charge.



"This legislation will help keep Long Island children safe by providing families with up-to-date information on whether a Level 2 or 3 sex offender has moved into their community."
Jim Conte.