

Nothing you send can ever be completely deleted or removed. Deleting a picture doesn't mean it's gone for good.



Sending or receiving sexually explicit pictures of a person under age 18 is dissemination of child porn, even when the pictures are of yourself. It is illegal to take them, share them, or possess them.

## TIPS FOR PARENTS



Use recent news stories as teachable moments. Make clear what you consider acceptable and unacceptable behavior when using technology. Consider whether you plan to have open access to your child's phone, or if you expect them to turn their phone in to you at the end of the night. Talk about the plan with your child. Take note of what your kids are participating in on electronic devices. As the caretaker, remind your child that healthy relationships are based on mutual respect and they shouldn't feel pressured to sext.

## YOU ARE IN CHARGE! SET BOUNDARIES

Get help if you suspect your child has been the victim of sexting or online predators. Call the Children's Advocacy Center for guidance or contact your local police.

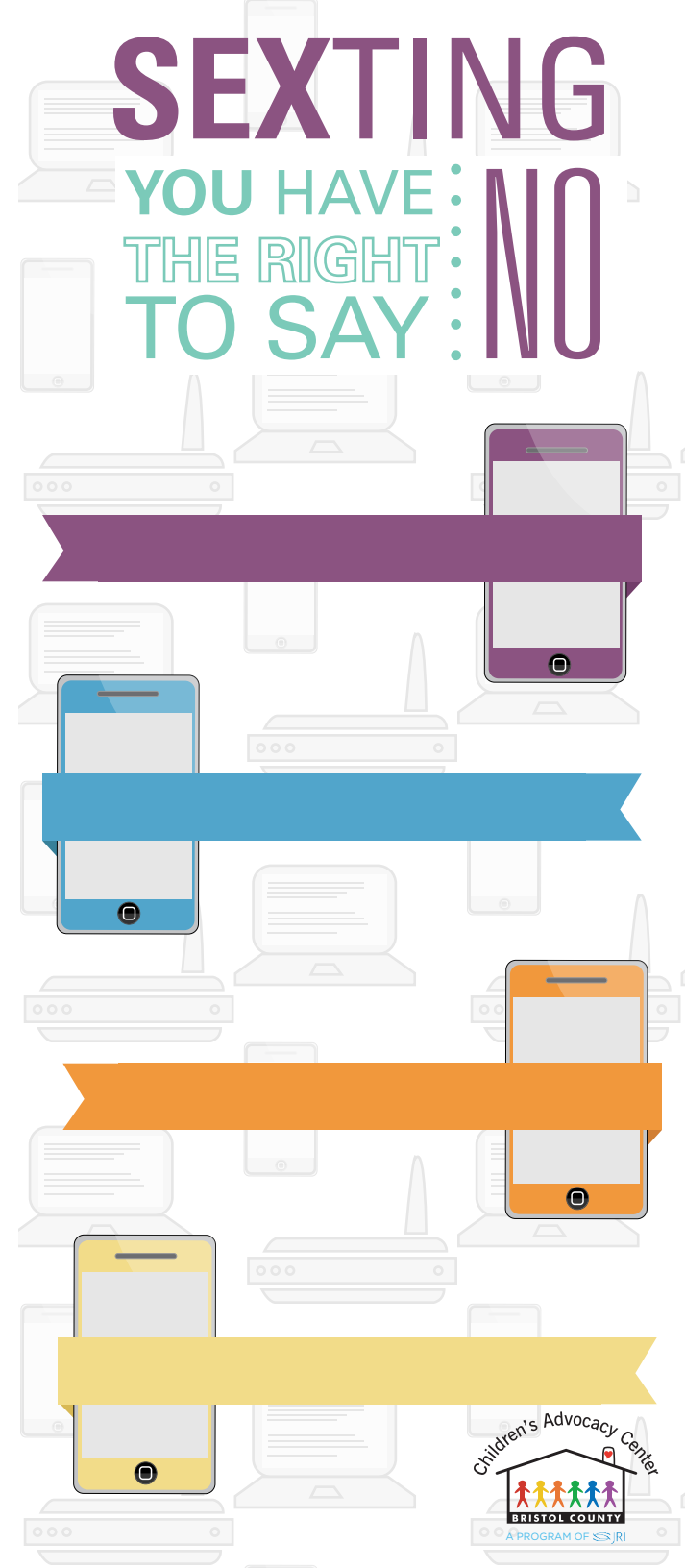


[Cacofbc.org](http://Cacofbc.org)

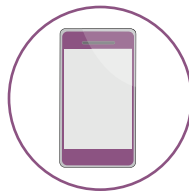
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# SEXTING

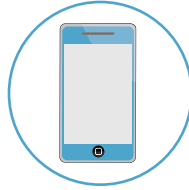
YOU HAVE:  
THE RIGHT:  
TO SAY: **NO**



# WHAT IS SEXTING?



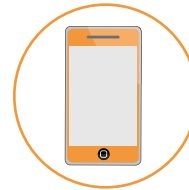
**1** TEENS HAVE SENT  
**in** **OR RECEIVED**  
**5** **SEXUAL PHOTOS**



**SOCIAL MEDIA**  
**IS ALWAYS SOCIAL**  
**NEVER PRIVATE**



**IF YOU SEND OR**  
**POSSESS PICTURES OF CHILD PORN**  
**YOU CAN BE CHARGED WITH A**  
**FELONY OFFENSE**



**SEXTING**  
**EFFECTS YOUR FUTURE**  
**JOBS // COLLEGE**

## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF BEFORE SEXTING

- Why do you want to share this image?  
Do you feel pressured?
- How does your mind and your body feel  
about sending this?
- Could this get you in trouble?  
Who might you hurt?
- Have you or someone you know regretted  
hitting send?
- Do you feel that it is safe to send this?

## ONLINE PREDATORS COULD SEE YOUR PHOTOS

**Child grooming** is when an unsafe adult tricks a child into believing they are friends. This can put a child at risk for sexual abuse. Offenders may lure children into doing things such as sexual acts or creating child porn. Online gaming, messaging, chat rooms, etc. could create the opportunity for child grooming.



## SOMEONE TRYING TO GROOM A CHILD OR A TEEN MIGHT

Ask for personal info such as where they live

Make flattering comments to make child feel special

Send gifts and other enticements in return for sexual pictures

Discuss adult subjects and ask for revealing images

Blackmail / Bribe minors