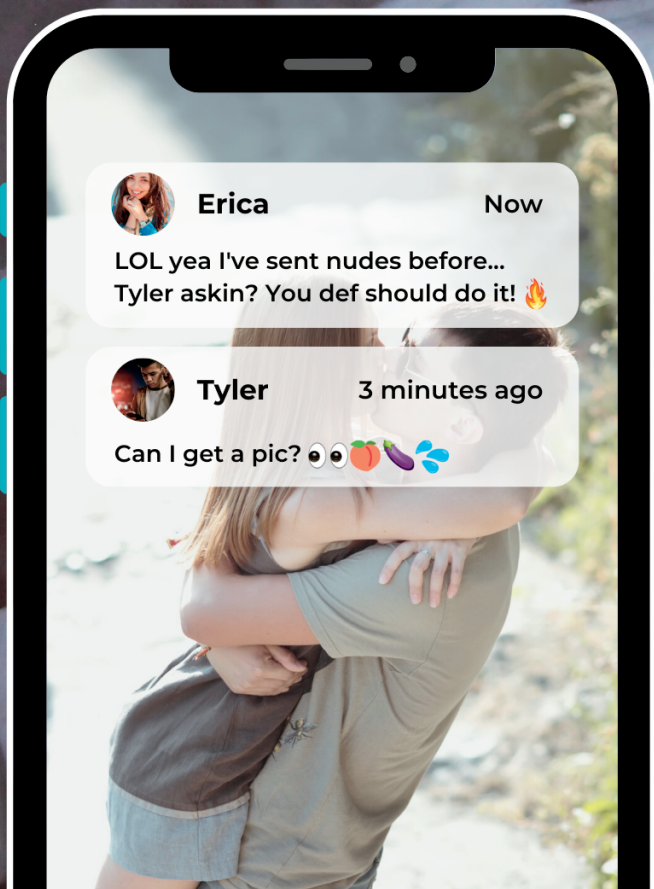


the PARENT GUIDE

to understanding sexting



Q: WHO IS IN BED WITH YOUR TEENAGERS
RIGHT NOW?




















IF THEY HAVE THEIR PHONES,
IT COULD BE ANYONE...

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10 FACTS ABOUT SEXTING

- 1 Teenage girls have a few reasons for why they participate in sexting: 40 percent do it as a joke, 34 percent do it to feel sexy, and 12 percent feel pressured to do it.[1]
- 2 Who will see your sext? 17% of sexters share the messages they receive with others, and 55% of those share them with more than one person.[1]
- 3 While nearly 70% of teen boys and girls who sext do so with their girlfriend or boyfriend, 61% of all sexters who have sent nude images admit that they were pressured to do it at least once.[1]
- 4 Nearly 40% of all teenagers have posted or sent sexually suggestive messages, but this practice is more common among boys than girls.[1]
- 5 Sending semi-nude or nude photos is more common among teens girls. 22% of teen girls report sending images of this nature, while only 18% of same-age boys have.[1]
- 6 15% of teens who have sent or posted nude/semi-nude images of themselves send these messages to people they have never met, but know from the Internet.[1]
- 7 Sending or receiving a sexually suggestive text or image under the age of 18 is considered child pornography and can result in criminal charges.[2]
- 8 24% of high-school age teens (ages 14 to 17) and 33% of college-age students (ages 18 to 24) have been involved in a form of nude sexting.[3]
- 9 Sexting is defined by the U.S. court system as "an act of sending sexually explicit materials through mobile phones." The messages may be text, photo, or video.[4]
- 10 11% of teen girls ages 13 to 16 have been involved with sending or receiving sexually explicit messages.[5]

DOES THAT MEAN WHAT YOU *THINK* IT MEANS?

-  have sex
-  have sex/humping
-  oral sex
-  oral sex/often paired w/ genitalia emojis
-  oral sex/often paired with mouth emoji
-  represents nudes, often called "noods"
-  send me a nude photo
-  used when sending or receiving nudes
-  sex tape
-  vagina
-  vagina
-  vagina
-  vagina
-  breasts/testicles/virginity
-  penis
-  penis
-  penis
-  butt
-  ejaculation or orgasm
-  masturbation/often paired with genitalia emoji
-  sexual arousal
-  desiring someone sexually/often used in response to nudes

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