



# CELINA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Partnerships in Prevention – Police and Community

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*By working together we can achieve a safer community*

### Preventing Teen Sexting

#### Facts on Teen Sexting

**The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC)** provides information to educate youth, parents, and educators on the dangers of posting sexually explicit messages and nude or partially nude images.

**According to NetSmartz Workshop, a program of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:**

- Sexting is the sharing and receiving of sexually explicit messages and nude or partially nude images via cellphone. Sexts may be sent as regular text messages or through apps, like Snapchat, Kik and WhatsApp.
- Teens may be trying to establish intimacy with a boyfriend or girlfriend, impress a crush, or be funny. Others may feel pressured into sexting by boyfriends or girlfriends who may threaten to break up with them if they don't send a picture.
- Teens may not believe or be able to foresee a situation in which the person they send a sext to chooses to share that image with others (NetSmartz.org, 03/21/2017)

**Your Photo Fate (See What Can Happen. Once you press send, **control is lost.**)**

<http://www.netsmartz.org/RealLifeStories/YourPhotoFate>

## Sexting Prevention Tips from NetSmartz Workshop



The NetSmartz Workshop, a program of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children provides interactive educational information focused on preventing sexting for youth, parents, and educators.



For Prevention Tips and Discussion Starters please visit [netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org) at the following link:

<http://www.netsmartz.org/Sexting>

### [Resources Available at NetSmartz Workshop](#)



**Talking To Teens About Sexting**



**Tips to Prevent Sexting for Parents**



**Your Photo Fate**



**Information Travels**



**You Sent a Sext. Now What?**

**Additional Information and Prevention Strategies are available from the following:**

**Texas School Safety Center**

<https://txssc.txstate.edu/topics/digital-safety/articles/sexting-prevention-strategies>

**American Academy of Pediatrics**

<https://www.aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/news-features-and-safety-tips/Pages/Talking-to-Kids-and-Teens-About-Social-Media-and-Sexting.aspx>