

CONNECTION ACTION INCLUSION

ANTI-BULLYING & ONLINE SAFETY PROGRAMME
for students in Primary School

SEXTING



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What is Sexting?

Sexting is the sharing of sexually explicit images, videos, texts etc. via smartphones or other devices.

Why do children get involved in Sexting?

There are several reasons for a child to get involved in sexting. For example:

- Flirting
- Express affection to someone (e.g. boyfriend, girlfriend)
- Impulsive behaviour (e.g. under the influence of alcohol, drugs, etc.)
- Response to peer bullying and/or threats
- Response to peer pressure
- Impression of having safe sex with no immediate impact on their health and life
- Asked by adults

What are the consequences of Sexting?

The consequences of sexting can be either negligible or very severe. Spreading the image/video/text to others without consent can:

- lead in criminal prosecution
- create troubles with school authorities
- have social and psychological affect
 - increased bullying
 - social isolation
 - shaming
 - anxiety
 - fear
 - depression
 - suicide attempt, suicide

References

<https://www.connectsafely.org/tips-for-dealing-with-teen-sexting/>