

A young woman with curly hair is looking down at her phone in a school hallway. In the background, other students are walking, and the hallway has lockers on the left and doors further down.

Online Vulnerability.

Sexting and Grooming of Children
Alisa Jordheim



SEXTING



SEXTORTION



LAWS



Sexting.

IT'S ALL THE RAGE

ADOLESCENT BRAINS



- reasoning & logic
- understanding consequences
- problem-solving
- planning
- memory
- focus and attention
- goals
- stopping your impulses
- developing your personality



GEN Z DATING

For many young people sending and receiving nude photographs is considered to be a digital courtship ritual and they are basically flirting with each other or showing commitment in a relationship, while others report that they do it as a joke or to shock one another.



CONSEQUENCES UNKNOWN

Teens in romantic relationships are trying to keep their sexual intimacy alive by sexting in ways that are more explicit than they would be if they were able to have physical contact.



BOYS & GIRLS

Girls do more Sexting than boys. 53% of teens who sext are girls

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while only 47% of sexters are boys.

40% of all teenagers have posted or sent sexually suggestive messages.



NUDE PHOTOS & VIDEOS

20%

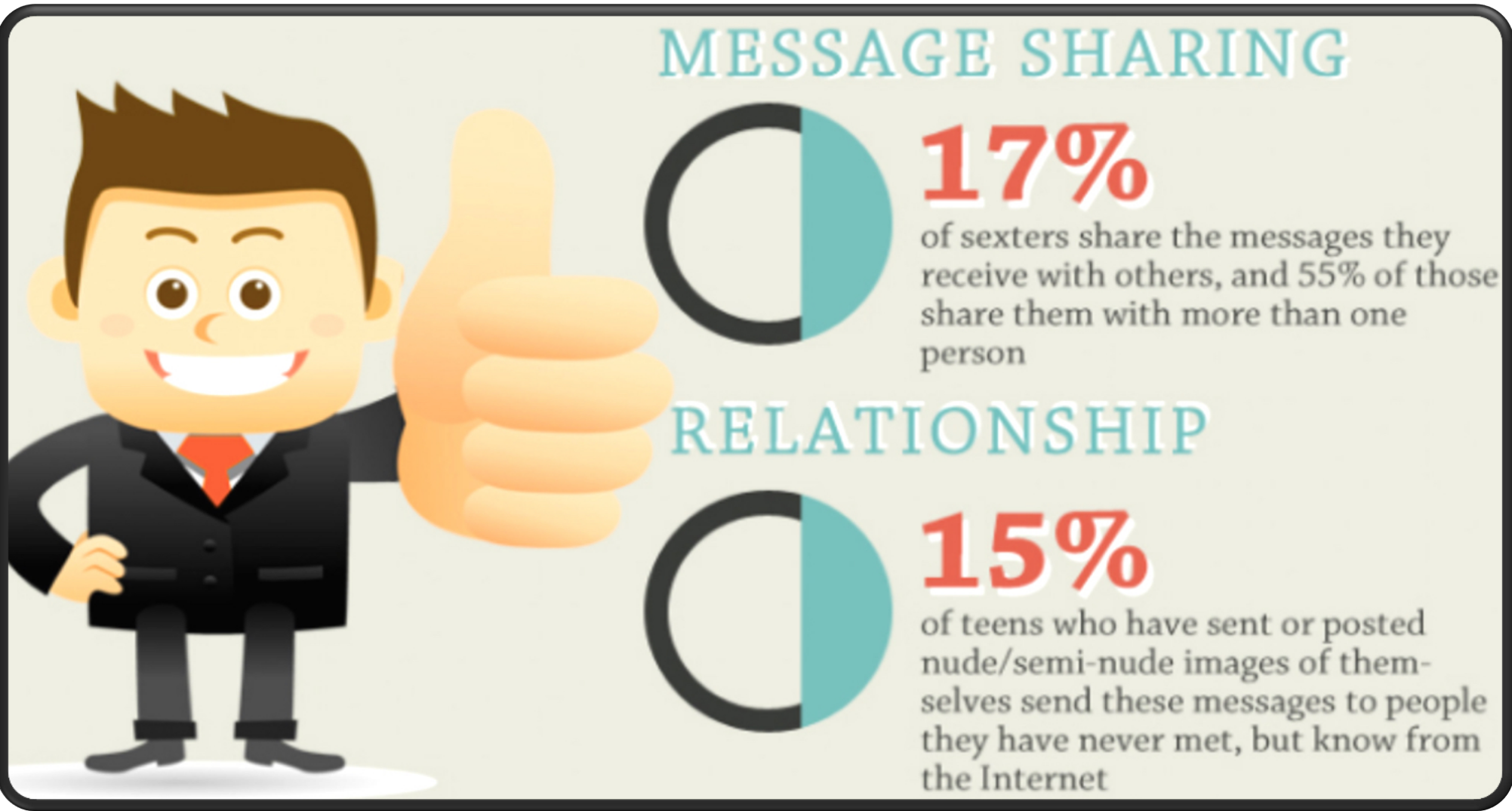


of teens have sent or posted nude or semi-nude photos or videos of themselves

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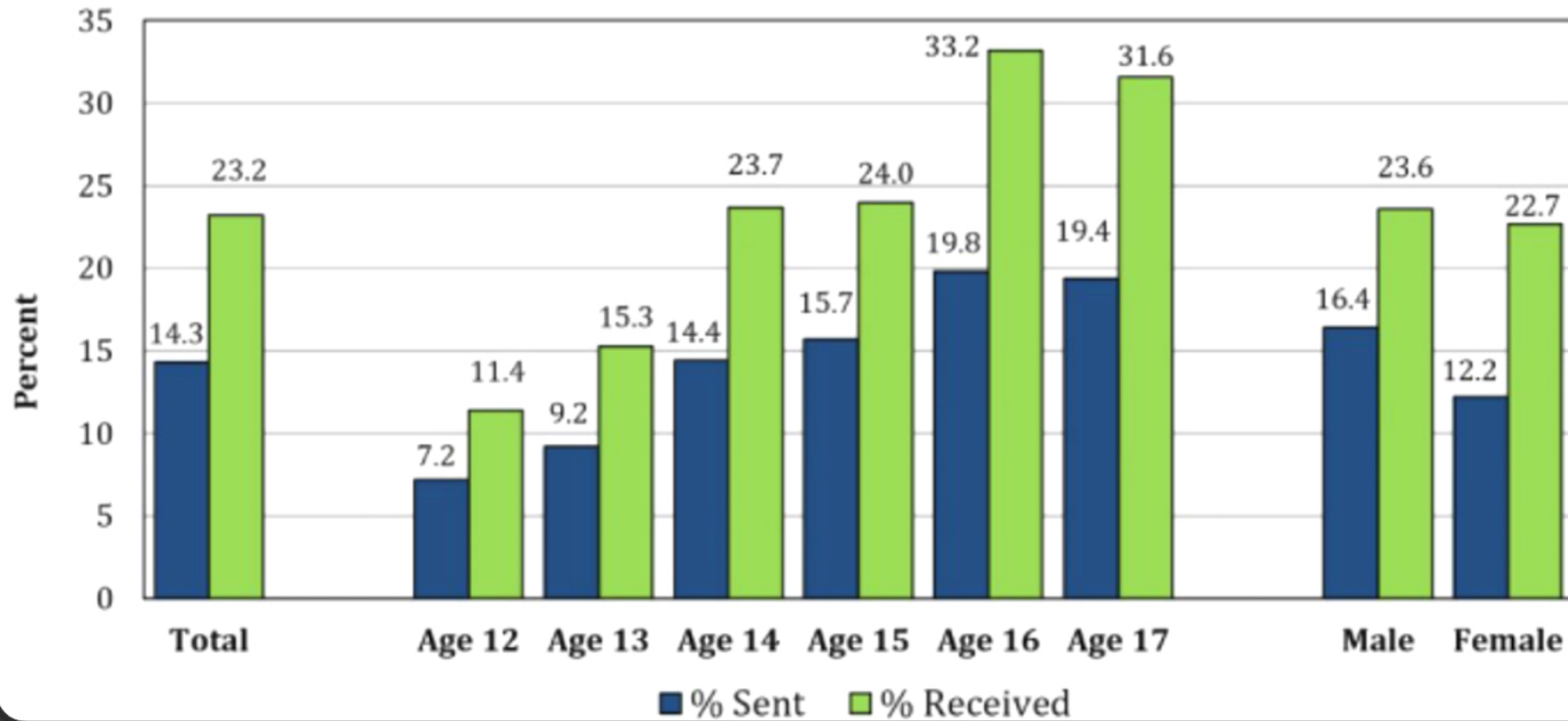
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Sexting among Middle and High School Students

(2019 national U.S. sample of 4,972 12-17 year-olds)



Nearly one in four middle and high school students has been asked by someone to send them a sexually explicit image.



FORWARDED A TEXT



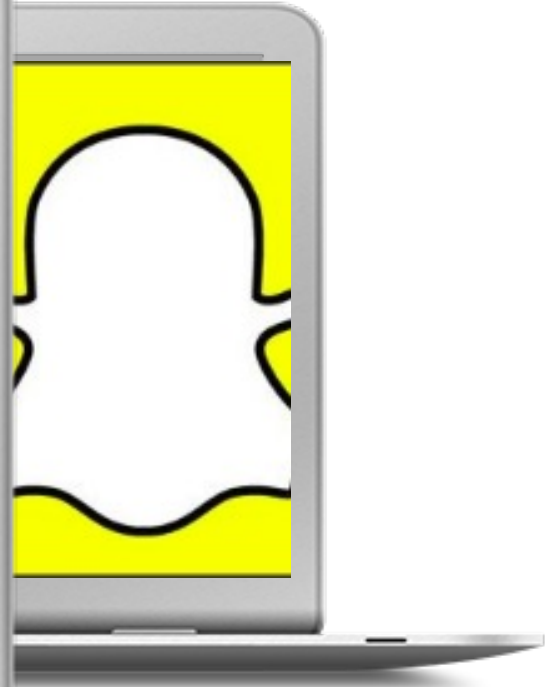
Teens forwarded a text without consent.

NONCONSENTUAL



Had a text they sent forwarded without consent.

SOCIAL MEDIA



KIK

13 and up

- Used by 1/3 of American teens 13-17.
- Been in news involving online predators.
- Offers safety guide for parents.





YouTube 17 and up

- 85% teens 13-17 using.
- Policy to prohibit harmful content.
- Inappropriate content seen on YouTube Kids.

INSTAGRAM

13 and up

- 2nd popular teens 13-17.
- Teens set up spam accounts to post hidden material.





SNAPCHAT

13 and up

- 69% teens use.
- Ranked #1 in teen usage.
- “Discover” feature – create own channels
- News often for predatory encounters.

HOLLA

13 and up

- Live video chat with strangers.
- Reviews mention users exposing themselves or engaging in sexual activity during chat.





OMEGLE

18 and up

- No official registration necessary.
- Text & video chatting.
- Randomly connects strangers all over the world.

A blue smartphone is shown at an angle, displaying various app icons on its screen. An orange ghost icon with a sad face and outstretched arms is superimposed on the screen, appearing to be part of the app interface. The phone is resting on a light-colored surface.

THE GHOST APPS

The Parent's Guide to
Detect & Bust Them

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NEW YORK CLOSE TO PASSING 'TEXTALYZER' BILL
BILL WOULD ALLOW COPS TO CHECK DRIVERS' PHONES

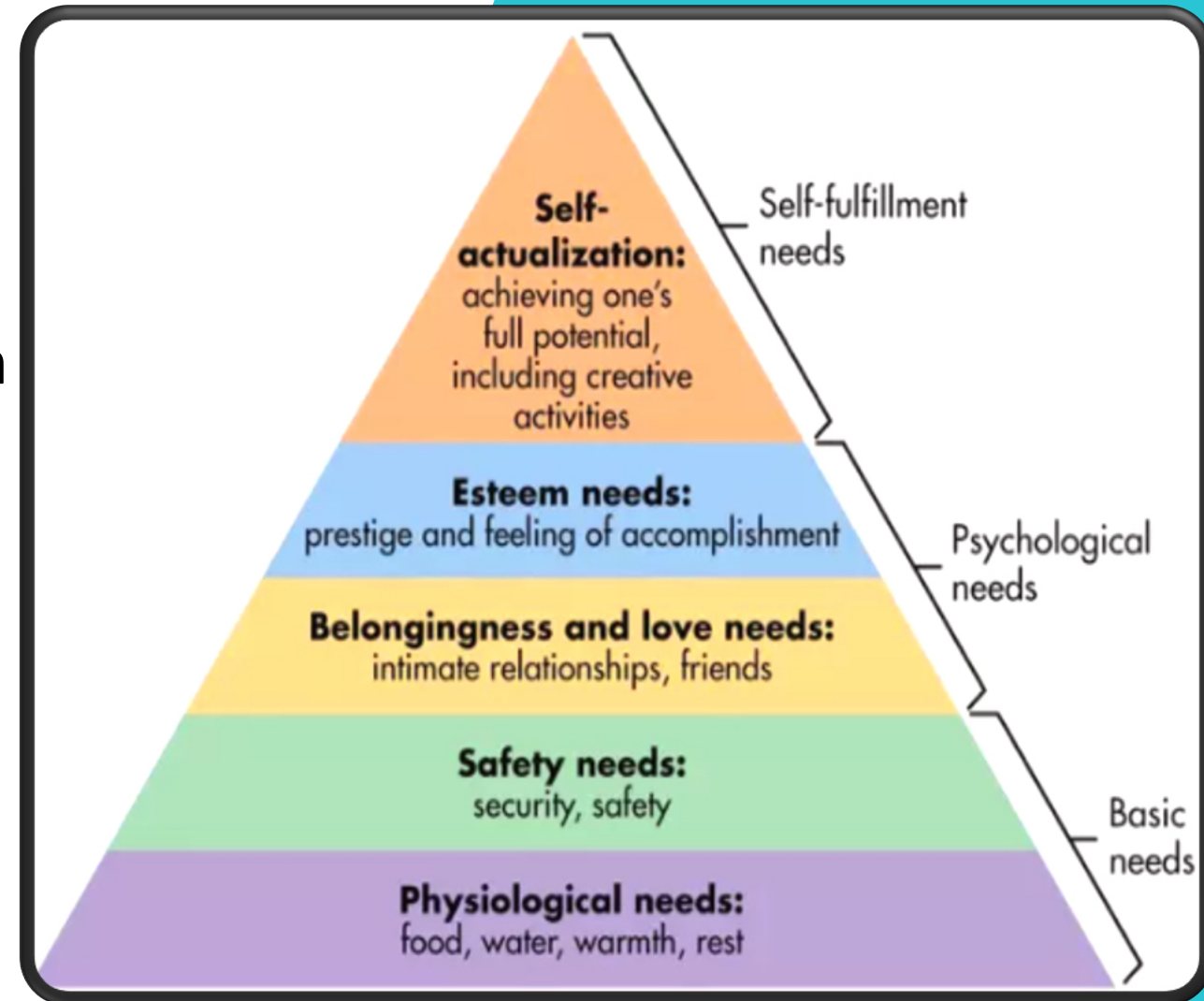
QUARANTINE 2020

We are seeing a growth in harmful online activities (sexting) due to kid's boredom and need for connection.



Sexting Psychology

- Violation of a need can hinder growth in any of the higher-level needs.
- Teens – need to belong one of the highest needs developmentally.
- Leads to isolation, depression, and suicidal ideation.



Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs
Simply Psychology

**Basic
Human
Needs**







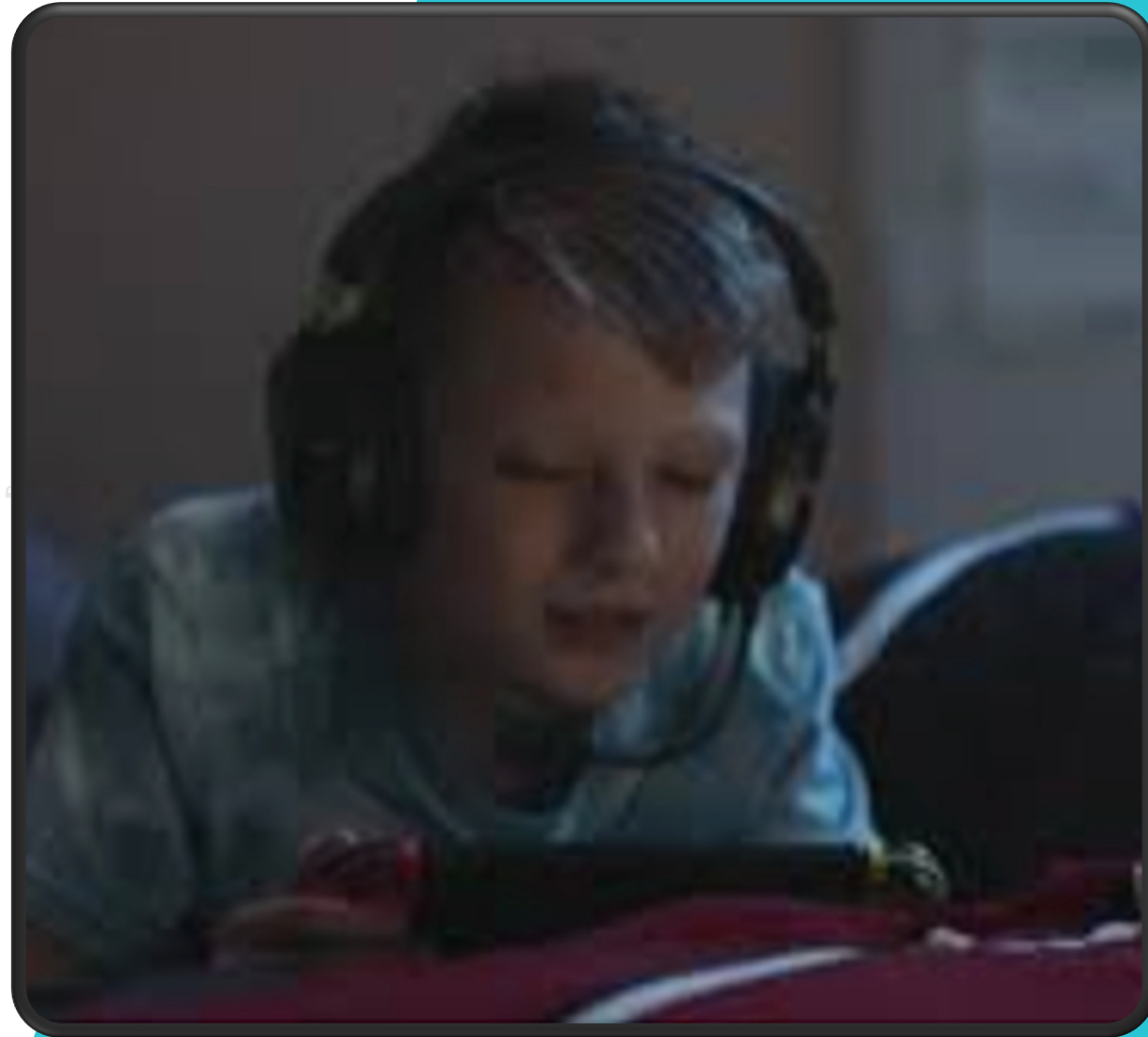
Sextortion.

ONLINE VULNERABILITY

VULNERABILITY

This crime is happening where young people usually feel most comfortable—in their own homes, connected to a device or a game that feels familiar and safe...their guard is typically down when they're engaging with their device.

Brian Herrick, FBI Special Agent



FEAR OF REPORTING

The number one thing is they feel like they're going to tell mom and dad and their technology will be taken away and they're going to get in trouble.

Catherine Connell, FBI Forensic Interviewer





GROOMING

We are seeing a huge trend in middle-school-aged children who go missing. They're not being abducted, they're going missing because they're leaving home to go meet someone that they met on social media. In our day when we were mad at our parents we would go to school, complain to our friends, and it would be over. But our kids can now tell the entire world how mad they are – and the entire world talks back to them.

Kelly Lamberti, FBI



ONLINE & FACE-FACE



Victims trafficked online eventually met their trafficker face to face.

ONLINE ONLY



Never met their trafficker in person and yet were still trafficked .

SEXTORTION



THREATENED



ONLINE



CONVICTED



GEOTAGGING

Attaching geographic coordinate information to images, video, and other media recorded by smartphones or GPS-enabled electronic devices.



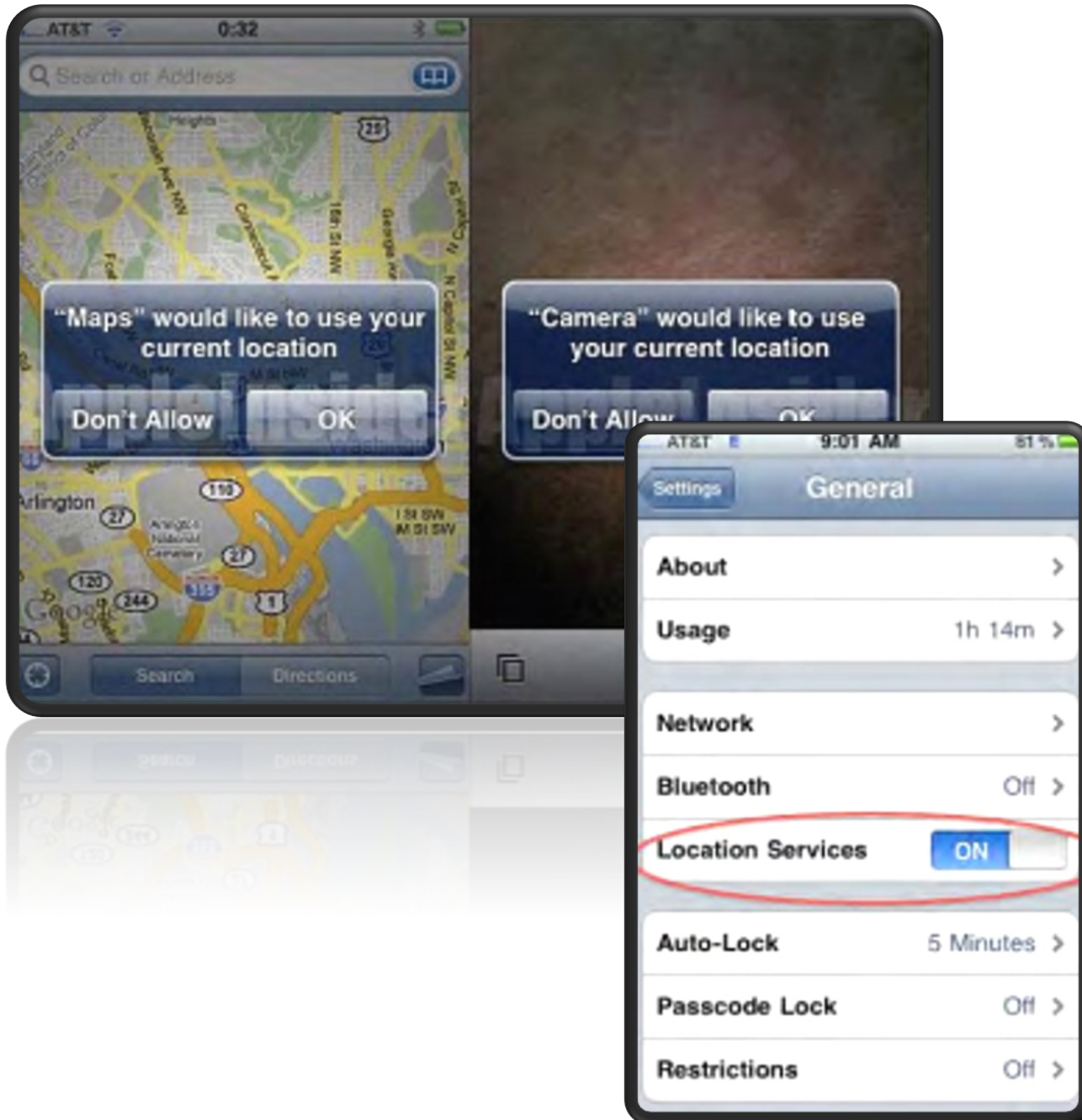
GEOTAGGING

Regular posts serve as a tracker



DISABLING GEOTAGGING

Avoid displaying location information by disabling the geotagging function on your Smartphone. Most Smartphones automatically display geographical location.





LAWS.

TEXAS & FEDERAL

SEXTING LAWS

TEXAS 2019

TEXAS NEWS

Gov. Abbott signs bill outlawing unsolicited nude photos

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The Texas governor ceremoniously signed the bill on Friday. Violators could face a fine of up to \$500.



TX PENAL CODE PUBLIC INDECENCY

- Possession and promotion of child pornography.
- “Minor” person under 18.
- Person knowingly possesses or views sexual content with a minor.
- Includes film, photograph, videotape, or negative transmitted by computer, telephone, or satellite.



THE ANONYMOUS, YET PERMANENT NATURE OF THE INTERNET CAN HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR TEENS:

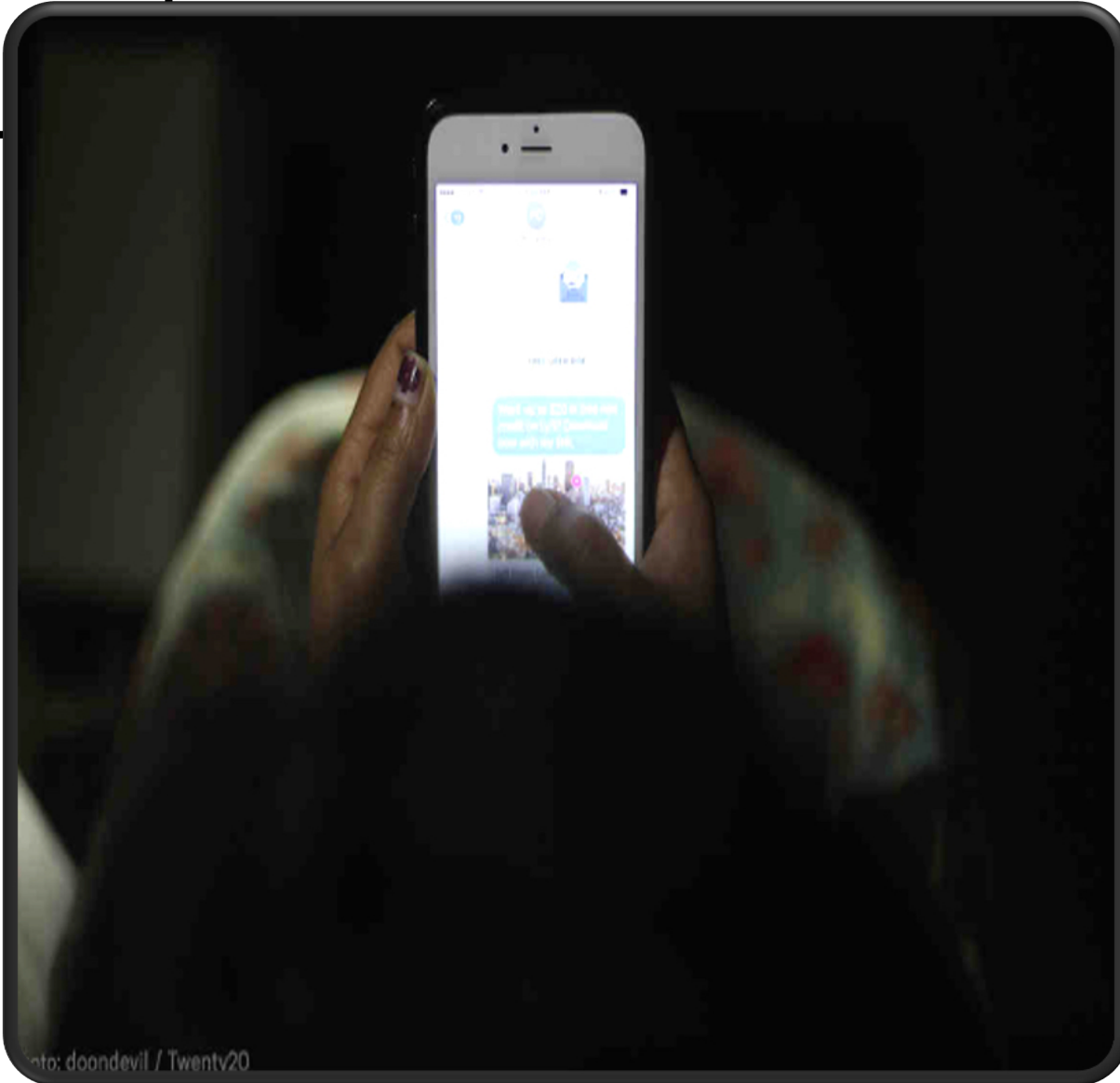


ANYONE who sends a minor a
nude photo can be charged as a

Sexual Predator,
even if it is another teen!

14-yr-old Minnesota Teen

In the case, Jane Doe used the phone-based application Snapchat to send a revealing selfie to a boy at her school in Southern Minnesota. He went on to make a copy and distribute it to other students without Jane's permission. Even though Jane didn't victimize anybody, Rice County's prosecutor charged her with felony distribution of child pornography. A conviction, or even a guilty plea to a lesser charge, would require Jane to spend 10 years on the sex offender registry. ACLU, 2018



10 years for Child Porn

A star high school football player's career has come to a crashing halt, and his freedom for the next ten years is in grave jeopardy after authorities found evidence of the student-athlete sending sexually explicit messages and images to his girlfriend, who is also in high school.

Officers noticed nude photos he took of himself and others sent by his 16-year-old girlfriend... immediately arrested for possessing child pornography. In North Carolina, you can only receive and send explicit material if you're over 18...individuals who are 16 can be charged as adults when accused of committing a crime.

Michigan Chronicle, 2017



16-year-old

TEEN

CONVICTED

A teenage girl texted her friends a graphic one minute video of herself. A Court said she'd shared child pornography.

Maryland's child pornography laws apply when the child is both the subject and sender of sexually explicit material, the state's highest court ruled Wednesday, in a case testing how to treat teenagers who voluntarily self-produce and share their own images.

Washington Post, Aug. 2019



FEDERAL OFFENSE

In the United States, 23 states consider sexting amongst teenagers to be the crime of possession of child pornography and it can result in prison sentences and registration on the sex offender registry





'I MET SOMEONE WONDERFUL IN A CHAT ROOM...
AND THEN I FOUND OUT SHE'S A CAT!'



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