* Why is sexting images of teens and children under 18 potentially illegal?
  + naked and sexual images of people under the age of 18 can be deemed child pornography; and
  + this protects children and teens from abuse by adults and others.
* Is sexting illegal even if it is between a consenting couple and is this right?
  + yes it can be if any party in the image is under 18; and
  + remember some kids do things they don’t want to do if they are pressured—the laws are in place to protect them.
* Who can get in trouble? The person sharing it only or also the person creating it?
  + both parties can get in trouble. The person who takes the photo even if it is of themselves can get in trouble if they share the image with another person. The person viewing it can get in trouble especially if they forward it on.
* What is child pornography? Why is it illegal?
  + there are a number of legal definitions of child pornography, but it can be any sexualised image or text involving young people (under the age of 18);
  + it is illegal to protect children who are in a less powerful position in society; and
  + it changes the way society views children and undermines the protections put in place for children.
* Ask students to consider how they would feel if they knew a naked image of a much younger sibling, cousin or friend was shared by others in a sexual way.
  + what are the risks to the child?; and
  + is it good to have laws to protect children?
* What should I do if I receive this type of content?
  + do not forward it;
  + tell the person who sent it not to send you any other content of this nature. Make up an excuse if you like—such as ‘my mum found it and freaked out’ or call them on it ‘you could be charged as a sex offender—stop sending me this stuff’;
  + show the content to a trusted adult such as a parent, school counsellor or teacher who can then help you decide whether to delete it or retain for evidence; and
  + you can also contact the Cybersmart Online Helpline at http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/report.aspx which provides free, confidential online counselling for children and young people.
* What can happen socially if sexting content is passed on or posted online?
  + legal consequences as above — more likely to be found out and reported; and
  + social consequences — broader audience can view the images including potential bullies and people who would like to seek children for sexual purposes.
* Why is sexting an unsafe and risky behaviour?
  + apart from the legal implications, the posting of these images can attract weirdos and be used by people to bully.
* What about digital reputations? Are you worried about how your digital reputation will be affected if images of you are shared with others and posted online?
  + consider your family seeing the images;
  + consider workmates or teachers seeing the images; and
  + could you view a friend or family member the same if you had seen an overly sexy image of them?