

**And now comes some hard cold reality! Sending or possessing inappropriate pictures or inappropriate texts could be against the law!**

- Child Exploitation  
I.C. 35-42-4-4(b)  
(up to 6 years in prison)
- Possession of Child Pornography  
I.C. 35-42-4-4(c)  
(up to 2 1/2 years in jail)
- Indecent display by a youth  
I.C. 35-45-4-6  
(up to 1 year in jail)
- Harrassment  
I.C. 35-45-2-2  
(up to 6 months in jail)
- Stalking  
I.C. 35-45-10-5  
(up to 2 1/2 years in jail)

**The** elected prosecuting attorney is the highest-ranking law enforcement official in your county. It is the prosecutor's job to file charges as necessary to enforce Indiana laws. The prosecutor does not want to meet you because you have sent or received inappropriate texts or photos.

**Think before  
you hit "send"!**

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**What  
could go  
wrong???**

**You** really like that special person and you want to show them just how much! What's the one thing you can do to make them understand...to make sure they know you're interested in them? They're not here so why not take a crazy inappropriate picture and send it to them! That will get their attention!

## What could go wrong?

There are all sorts of things that could go wrong by clicking "send"!

- The person could not share your feelings and show their friends and you know how that can get around!
- The person could like you too and in a moment when they're looking at that picture, someone looks over their shoulder. To get a better look, the other person grabs the phone and forwards the picture to themselves. From there it could literally go everywhere!
- You are a couple now, and think you will be together forever and the other person would never betray you but breakups happen and feelings get hurt and anger takes over. How to get even? Post that picture online!

**Whoa!** You've just discovered an inappropriate photo (or text) on your phone! Nothing left to the imagination! This is so crazy your best friend will get a laugh out of it and you hit the "send" button!

## What could go wrong?

All sorts of things!

- Your friend may laugh and then send that picture on to the next person and then the next person sends it on and pretty soon it's out of control and the whole school is talking about it.
- A problem develops that's not so funny any more. The person who sent that text in the first place is being laughed at and kids are staring and pointing. People have been embarrassed. The kid's parents, the principal and the police now want to talk to you!

**There** is this nerdy kid at school. Maybe they're awkward or overweight or they just aren't cool. You catch them in the school locker room and a friend holds them down while you get a naked picture! What fun! Now we'll post it online for everyone to see!

## What could go wrong?

- Well you've just become the worst sort of bully and what you've done is not funny at all, it's cruel! It lacks respect for another human being. Seems like that line between cool and uncool is very wide but it's not and you can't take back what's been done!
- It's not just the cruelty, but you may have broken the law! When you held the student down, your friend (and you too) committed the crimes of confinement and battery. That naked picture is considered pornography and if the victim is under a certain age, it could be child pornography!

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# Get the picture??

### These qualities sound good:

being cool

impressing the in-crowd

being popular

### But these qualities ARE good:

integrity

respect for yourself and others

respect for privacy

**Don't submit to or stand for cyber peer pressure or cyber bullying!**

**Password protect your phone and change it if someone finds out what it is!**