

WHAT IF I'VE MADE A MISTAKE...

On Social Media?

Contact the social media site directly, report the photograph and request that it be removed immediately.

On the Internet?

Contact a reputable information removal service to assist with finding and removing personal information and photographs from the Internet.

In the possession of someone else?

Contact law enforcement immediately for assistance.

IT'S NOT GOING AWAY... WHAT NOW?

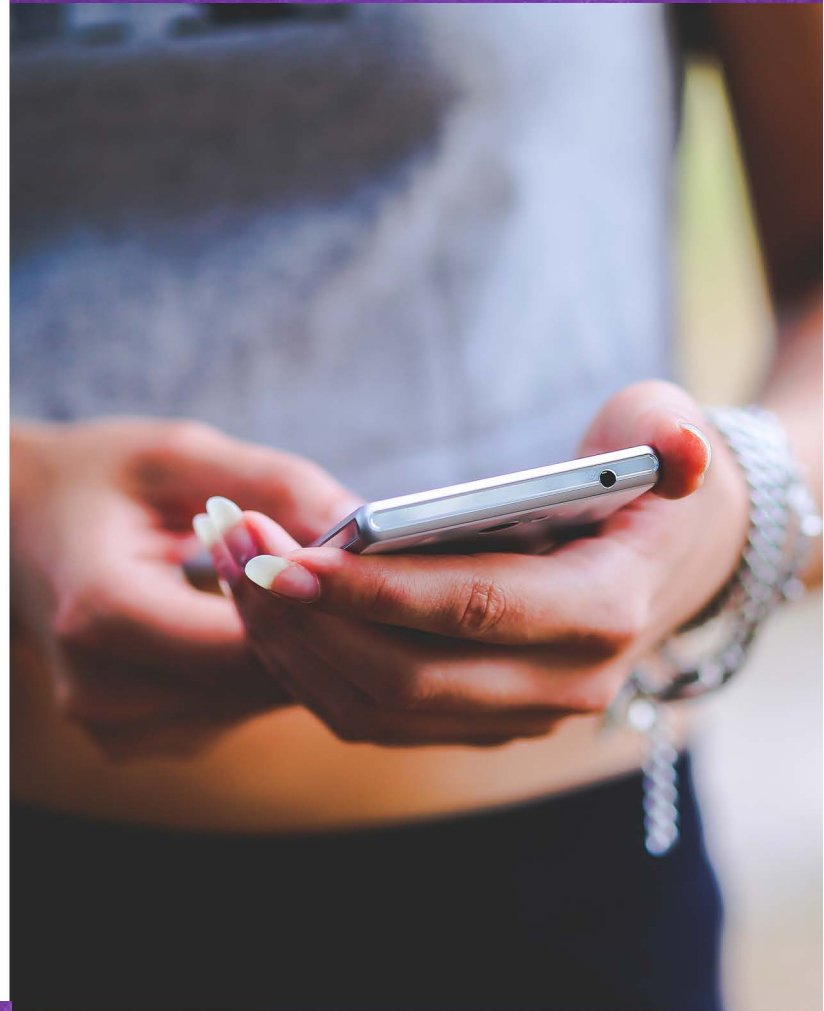
Unfortunately, information or pictures released on the Internet are difficult to get back; however, each individual has the ability to overcome their mistakes by learning to cope with the consequences. The support of family and counselors can often help.

Kenton County Commonwealth Attorney's Victim's Advocate	859-292-6580
Catholic Charities Counseling	859-581-8974
National Center for Victims of Crime	855-4VICTIM
Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline	800-752-6200
Suicide Prevention Hotline	800-273-TALK

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Avoid a Text Regret



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HAVE YOU EVER

sent a mean text message,
bullied someone on social media,
or sent someone a revealing picture

AND HAD TEXT REGRET?

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

Our online reputation has become just as important as our reputation in person. What is said and done online or on a mobile device often affects our lives and future.

SEXTING? WHAT'S THAT?

Sexting is the sending of sexually explicit messages in picture or text form. While sexting typically describes messages sent between mobile phones, the use of social media and mobile device applications have become prevalent.

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Child pornography address photographs or videos, "media," of persons under the age of 18, "minors." An element of the child pornography laws addresses the intent of the creation and/or distribution of the media. Common child pornography may include:

- ◆ Minors creating media, which includes their nude body, may be in violation of creating child pornography
- ◆ Any person, regardless of age, who creates media of a nude minor may be in violation of creating child pornography
- ◆ Any person who sends media, including the nude body of a minor, may be in violation of distribution of child pornography, even if the media is of the sender
- ◆ Persons convicted of child pornography laws may be required to register for lifetime sex offender registration

With the advances in technology, minor's curiosity and the ease in which media is shared, law enforcement is addressing child pornography allegations more frequently across all age groups.

IT'S AGAINST THE LAW

Some Text Regrets rise to the level of criminal activity. Here are some of the associated laws:

- ◆ **KRS 525.080 – MISDEMEANOR**
Annoying or harassing messages via electronic device
- ◆ **KRS 508.150 – MISDEMEANOR**
Repeatedly follows or harasses another person and makes threats causing fear of injury via electronic device ("cyberbullying/cyberstalking")
- ◆ **KRS 531.335 – FELONY**
Sexting involving the use of a minor via electronic device
- ◆ **KRS 531 – FELONY**
Subsections addressing child pornography

For additional information, please fully review the applicable laws. Please note that every circumstance is unique and investigated independently with individual outcomes that may or may not result in a criminal investigation and/or prosecution.

