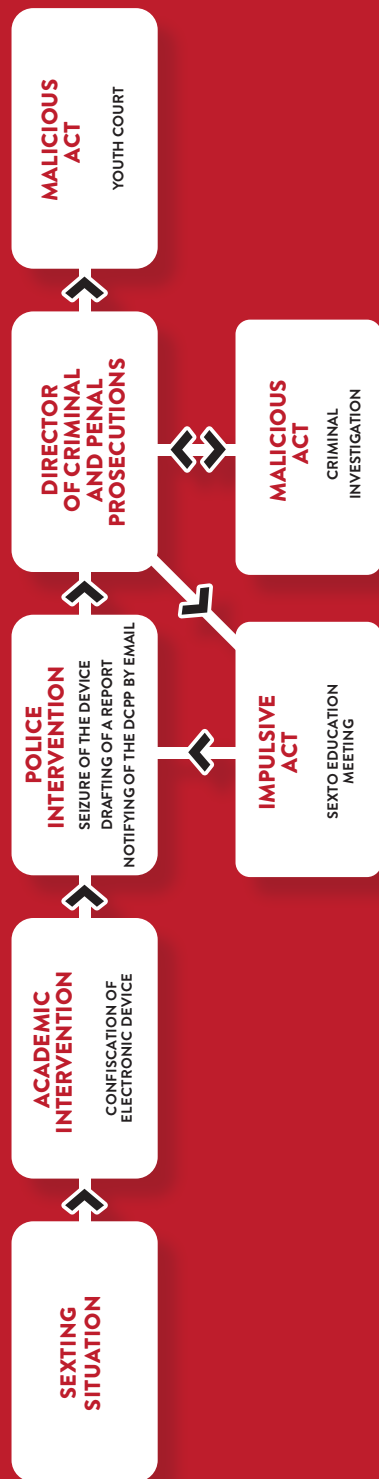


# INTERVENTION SCHEMA DURING A SEXTING SITUATION REPORTED IN A SCHOOL SETTING



The **sexto education method** is an educational intervention aiming to inform young people of the possible criminal nature of their behaviour and to educate them about the important consequences of sexting. It is a non-judicial measure applied by the police department for a first offence in the great majority of cases. In the case of repeat offences or a malicious act, a criminal investigation will be prioritized.

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You don't have to share everything.

## THE ADVANTAGES OF THE SEXTO INTERVENTION METHOD

- ✓ Management and standardization of interventions;
- ✓ Quick and effective handling of sexting among teenagers situations;
- ✓ Limitation of the propagation of images and/or videos;
- ✓ Reduced consequences for victims and other young people involved;
- ✓ Increase in the sense of security among teenagers, parents, and education stakeholders.

## ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

Association québécoise Plaidoyer-Victimes (AQPV)  
Canadian Centre for Child Protection (CCCP)  
Cybertip.ca  
NeedHelpNow.ca  
Crime Victims Assistance Centre (CAVAC)  
Sexto.info



For more information, contact us at: **sexto.info**

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# WHAT IS THE SEXTO PROJECT ?

The Sexto Project is a partnership between schools, police departments and the Director of Criminal and Penal Prosecutions (DCPP) of Quebec to alert and educate elementary and secondary students about the growing phenomenon of sexting. It also offers an innovative intervention method to quickly and effectively counteract this problem and limit significant repercussions it can cause.

## SEXTING AMONG TEENAGERS

Sexting among teenagers is defined as youth creating, sending or sharing sexual images and/or videos with peers via the Internet and/or electronic devices.



BY DOING SO, YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12 TO 17 YEARS OLD ARE COMMITTING ONE OR SEVERAL CRIMINAL OFFENCES?

This behaviour is of increasing concern for parents as well as for school and judicial stakeholders. The new reality is therefore forcing them to adapt their methods of intervention.

# WHY DO TEENAGERS ENGAGE IN SEXTING ?

- ✓ To please, seduce or draw attention
- ✓ For a challenge or as a lark
- ✓ Due to coercion or because they feel forced (insistence, enticement, threat, extortion, etc.)

## CONSEQUENCES

- Physical :**  
exhaustion, weight change, sleep loss, loss of appetite, etc.
- Psychological and emotional :**  
shame, fear, loss of self-esteem, depression, anxiety, aggressivity, mistrust, etc.
- Social :**  
mockery, insults, isolation, loss of privacy, loss of interest in school or other social activities, etc.
- Legal :**  
judicial proceedings, seizure of electronic devices, etc.

A white form with a red header that reads "INCIDENT EVALUATION GRID". It contains several fields for data entry: "Name:", "DOB:", "Beginning Date:", "Time:", "Trigger", "Can you tell me who took these photos or videos?", "Can you tell me who the people in the photos or videos are?", and "How taken?".

# THE LAW

Under Canadian criminal law, sexting among teenagers can be a form a child pornography. By adopting this behaviour, teenagers may be committing the following criminal offences:

- ✓ Production of child pornography;
- ✓ Distribution of child pornography;
- ✓ Possession of child pornography;
- ✓ Access to child pornography.

« **Never consult** any device or file that may contain any form of child pornography regardless of the stage of the intervention. »



## THE SEXTO INTERVENTION KIT

The Sexto intervention kit is a tool designed to help educational institutions face any form of intimidation or violence linked to the phenomenon of sexting among teenagers.

- It contains :
- ✓ The Sexto intervention method;
  - ✓ A legal reference document;
  - ✓ An incident evaluation grid;
  - ✓ Prevention tools for teenagers and parents.