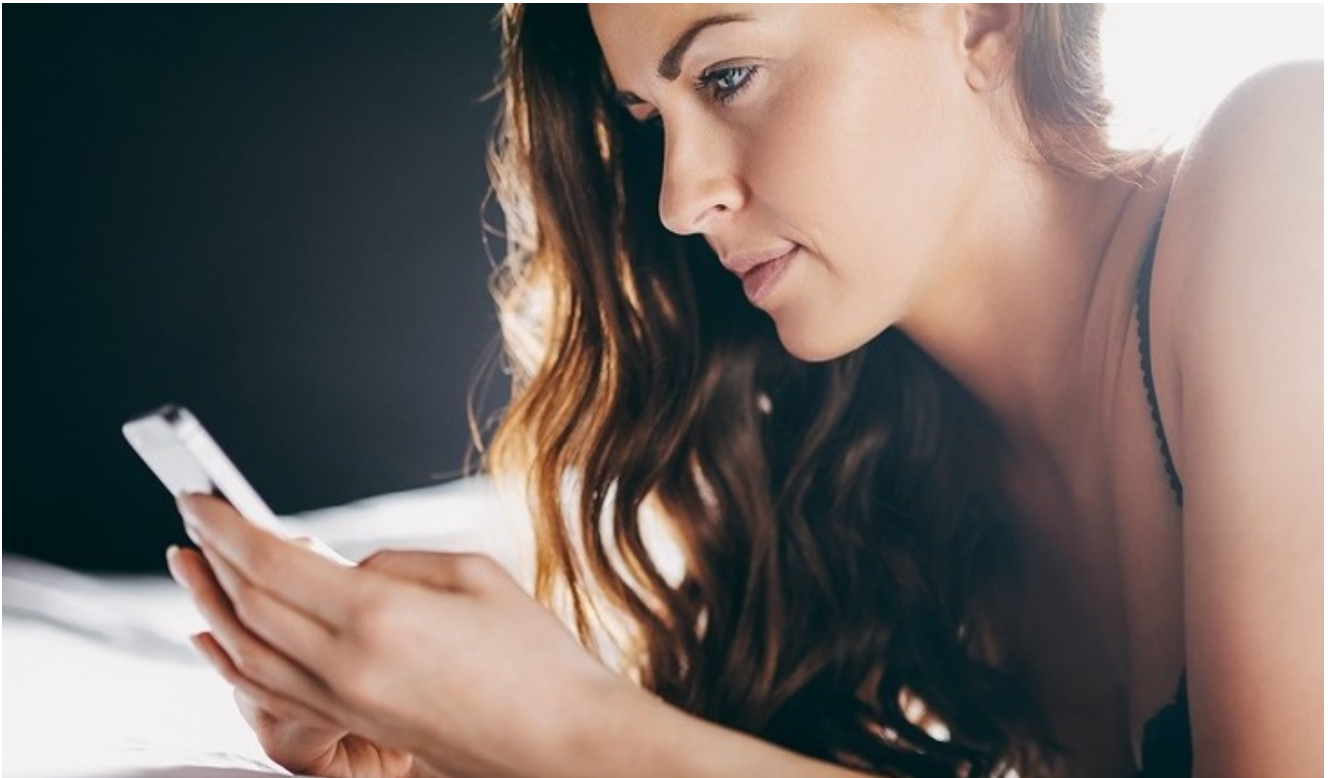


Sexting: Good, Bad or the New Lipstick on Your Collar?



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If you've read my blog, you know that I popped my sexting cherry this year. I found sexting to be flirty, scandalous and fun, but I also found it to be a bit dangerous. If I took a picture of myself and sent it, would he show it to his friends? Could it end up on the Internet? What if I go missing on a hike and that's the last picture they have of me to show on the 6 o' clock news? In this new age of technology, is sexting just another step in the dating world or is it the new way to cheat (and think you're not going to get caught)?

Several celebrities have jumped on the sexting and technology

train this year, too. Couples like Ashton Kutcher and Demi Moore and Lamar Odom and Khole Kardashian have been publicly showing their love for each other over Twitter. But, sexting is different. It's meant for the two people who are involved and not the rest of the world. Unfortunately, because cell phone records are not as private as we sometimes would like to believe, some celebrities have gotten into some serious scandals in less than 30 seconds, 10 words and the press of the "send" button.

In the last few months, several of those couples have broken up due to sexting scandals. *X Factor* judge Cheryl Cole separated from her husband, footballer Ashley Cole, after rumors surfaced about his sexting with a topless model. Tony Parker and Eva Longoria also split after Parker was caught having a "sexting affair" with one of his basketball teammate's wives. Brett Favre also found himself in the middle of a media storm when he sent revealing photos of himself to a *Sports Illustrated* columnist!

And, no, this isn't just an athlete thing. Let's not forget Michelle "Bombshell" McGee, who shared her sexts with *InTouch* Magazine as proof of her affair with Jesse James.

Sexting can be fun and may spice up a relationship when it gets bland, but remember, technology is our "big brother." In one click (fwd, RT, send), your sexts could be in the wrong hands.