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SEXTO protocol in schools

We wish to inform you that your child's school follows the **SEXTO protocol**, which was implemented to ensure prompt action in the event of sexting.

The purpose of this protocol is to **reduce the spread of child sexual abuse and exploitation material* and to avoid legal proceedings** where applicable. Through awareness-raising sessions, the **SEXTO protocol** helps young people understand the consequences of sexting.

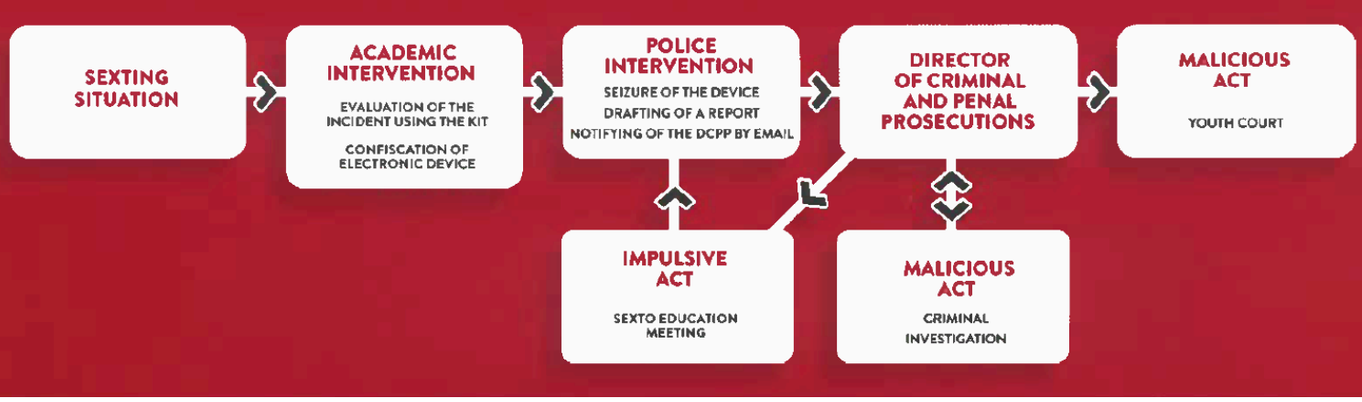
Sexting involves creating, transmitting or sharing sexually explicit photos or videos with other individuals under 18 years of age via the Internet or electronic devices. This is illegal in Canada.

These consequences are numerous and can be serious for both the young suspect and the victim. They can include criminal charges, a report to the Director of Youth Protection (DPJ) or the fact that **shared images may remain online indefinitely**.

Fortunately, the **SEXTO protocol** has a high success rate and a very low recidivism rate. **As a parent, you can teach your child about the risks of sexting**. If your child becomes involved in such a situation during the school year, encourage them to seek help from school staff and to cooperate with them.

We appreciate your cooperation. If you have any questions about the **SEXTO protocol**, please contact your child's school.

INTERVENTION SCHEMA DURING A SEXTING SITUATION REPORTED IN A SCHOOL SETTING



*Since October 10, 2025, the term child pornography has been replaced by child sexual abuse and exploitation material in accordance with legislative changes.

SEXTO: Intervention protocol between schools, police services and the Directeur des poursuites criminelles et pénales aimed at limiting the distribution of sexual images of minors.

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