

CLEANING YOUR IMAGE!

Things an adolescent should consider before pressing "send"

- ✓ Don't assume anything you send or post is going to stay private. The research is clear; messages you send are often shared with others.
- ✓ There are no "take-backs"—just because you delete that photo from your phone or computer doesn't mean it will go away.
- ✓ It may have seemed funny or flirty, but that image can be copied and shared and may turn up at school, online, or even in the hands of future college recruiters or employers.
- ✓ Consider how the recipient will react. A young girl's flirty message can be perceived as something much more by the boy on the other end.
- ✓ Nothing is truly anonymous. Sending a photo or text to an online stranger is dangerous. If that person truly wants to find you, he will.

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