In Australia, the law bans sexting for anyone under 18. When sexting involves someone under 18, it is considered ‘child pornography’, an ‘indecent act’ or an ‘indecent recording’. The maximum penalties for child pornography can be up to 15 years in jail and being placed on the sex offender register. 

Real Life Example

A 13 year old girl sent sexy images of herself to a friend and two boys. Police found out about the images, and the girl and her friends were cautioned. They were lucky; they could have been charged with the creation and distribution of child pornography.

Young people who engage in sexting are more likely to...

- Be cyberbullied
- Report negative emotions and suicidality

Legal Consequences

Possessing or sharing sexual / nude images of someone under 18 is ILLEGAL

Even if the image is of yourself

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