

Consequences of Pornography

There has been a growing problem in our society that has devastating consequences. All of the counselors in Alpine School District had a conference on this subject. The counseling department at Willowcreek & the administration felt it is necessary to share with you at this time some information about the consequences of pornography.

This will be a very short presentation. We cannot answer any questions that you may have at this time, however you may come visit with your counselor or have a talk with your parents.

First, let's define Pornography—printed material, pictures or video that is deemed harmful to a minor

Ways to break the law

3 categories of breaking the law

- Violations (speeding ticket)
- Misdemeanor (simple assault, trespassing)
- Felony

Pornography offenses are considered a felony

- **It is illegal to distribute pornographic material and child pornography.**
- **It is illegal to transport (as a minor) pornographic material**
- **It is illegal to transmit pornographic material and child pornography**
- **It is illegal to produce child pornography.**
- **It is illegal to produce pornographic material with intent to distribute.**
- **It is illegal to distribute material harmful to a minor to minors.**
- **It is illegal to mail pornographic material.**

Different sources of pornography can be from:

- magazines
- viewing on computer
 - by internet
 - by jump drive
- printed pictures
- Electronic devices
 - PDA
 - CELL PHONE (Internet, video or photo)**

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN CELL

PHONE

--CELL PHONES IN LOCKER ROOMS

EXAMPLE

If you (as a minor) take pornographic pictures of yourself and send them to a friend, you have committed 3 felonies for EACH picture taken & sent:

- producing child pornography
- in possession of child pornography
- distribution of child pornography

If your friend is under the age of 18 and does not report you, then they are guilty of a felony for EACH picture.

If you send it to a friend who is 18 or older and they do not report you, then they are guilty of a felony and will automatically be put on the sex offenders list for life and will do 5 years to life in prison.

Legal Consequences for a MINOR

- A FELONY conviction will follow you for life. You will NEVER pass a criminal back ground check without having to explain your actions.
- With a felony conviction, you will never be able to have a career in certain fields (ie. teacher, law enforcement, doctor, lawyer etc...)
- You may be have to register on the Utah State Sex Offenders list for life
- You may be tried as an adult with mandated sentencing
- You may be put in a youth detention center, jail or prison
- Mandatory counseling
- Community service
- Fines

Finally

- Embarrassment for you & your family for life

If you receive unsolicited pornographic material,
REPORT IT IMMEDIATELY TO A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR OR COUNSELOR.

If you do nothing, then you have committed a crime.

Talk to your parents or counselor if you have questions!