

# State Sexting Laws

Sameer Hinduja, Ph.D. and Justin W. Patchin, Ph.D.



	“Sexting” law	Includes “Sexting”	Addresses under 18 sending	Addresses under 18 receiving	Penalty: Diversion	Penalty: Informal	Penalty: Misdem	Penalty: Felony	Revenge Porn Law	Other information
Alabama	NO							X		
Alaska	NO						X		X	
Arizona	YES		X	X			X		X	Includes explicit text
Arkansas	YES	X	X	X		X			X	8 hrs comm service
California	NO								X	
Colorado	YES		X	X	X	X	X		X	
Connecticut	YES	X	X	X			X		X	
Delaware	NO								X	
Florida	YES	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Georgia	YES		X	X			X	X	X	
Hawaii	YES		X	X			X		X	
Idaho	NO									
Illinois	YES		X		X	X			X	
Indiana	YES			X			X			
Iowa	NO									
Kansas	YES		X	X			X	X	X	
Kentucky	NO									
Louisiana	YES	X	X	X	X	X			X	
Maine	NO								X	
Maryland	NO								X	
Massachusetts	NO									
Michigan	NO								X	
Minnesota	NO								X	
Mississippi	NO									
Missouri	NO									
Montana	NO									
Nebraska	YES		X	X				X		
Nevada	YES		X	X	X	X	X		X	
New Hampshire	NO								X	
New Jersey	YES	X	X	X	X	X			X	
New Mexico	YES		X	X					X	
New York	YES		X	X	X	X				
North Carolina	NO								X	
North Dakota	YES		X	X			X		X	
Ohio	NO									
Oklahoma	YES		X			X	X		X	
Oregon	NO								X	
Pennsylvania	YES		X	X	X	X	X		X	
Rhode Island	YES	X	X		X	X				
South Carolina	NO									
South Dakota	YES	X	X	X			X			
Tennessee	NO								X	
Texas	YES		X	X	X	X	X		X	
Utah	YES		X	X			X	X	X	
Vermont	YES	X	X	X	X				X	
Virginia	NO								X	
Washington	NO								X	
West Virginia	YES	X	X	X	X					Educ diversion prog.
Wisconsin	NO								X	
Wyoming	NO									
STATE TOTALS	25	9	24	22	12	12	16	6	33	
FEDERAL	NO									
Washington DC	NO									

Updated November 2018. More details can be found here:  
<https://cyberbullying.org/sexting-laws>

