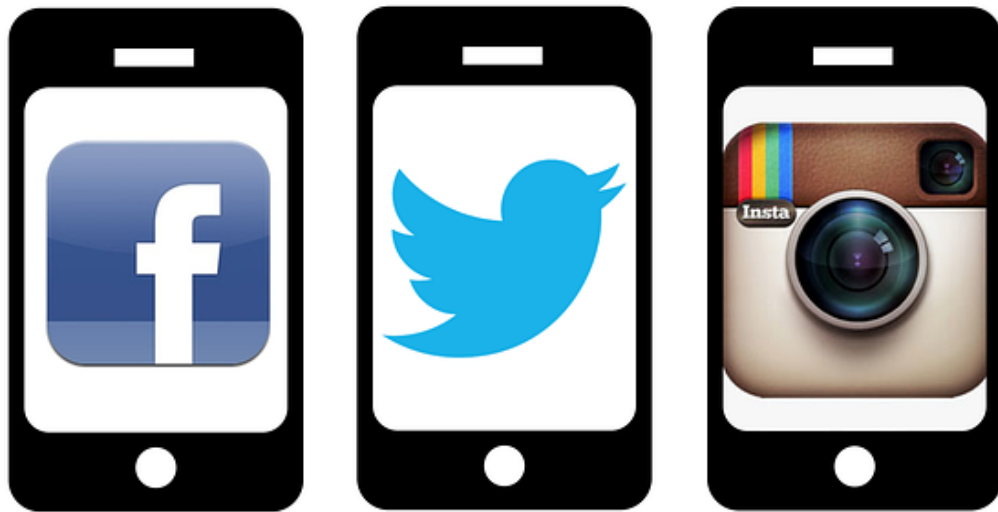


Appropriate Use of Social Media and Cell Phones



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Raise your hand if ...

- You have a cell phone
- You use text messaging
- You've taken photos with a cell phone camera
- You've ever forwarded a message
- You have Facebook, Tumblr or Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram

What's Wrong with Cell Phones?

- Nothing!
- Cell phones must be used appropriately and with good judgment

What's wrong with Social Media?

- Again, nothing!
- Facebook is just like a cell phone
– you have to use good judgment.

So how do kids get in trouble with technology?

- Cyberbullying
- Sexting
- Ignoring Internet Safety



Cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying, v: the use of technology such as computers and cell phones to engage in repeated, and hostile behavior by an individual or group, that is intended to harm others.

So what's the big deal?

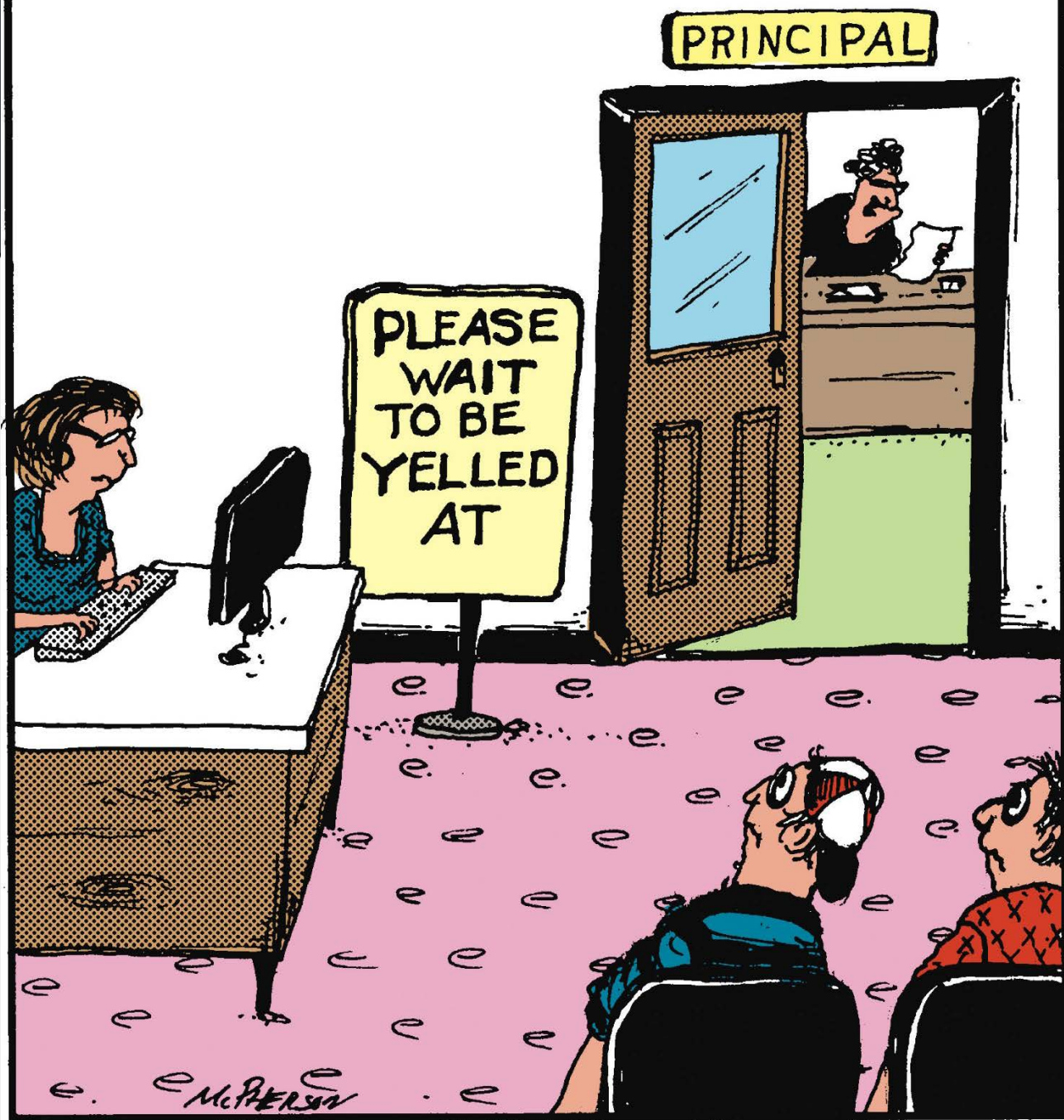
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"As it turns out your son isn't looking for attention after all.
He's just a jerk."

School-Related Consequences

- Neb. Rev. Stat. 79-2,137
- Definition: “ongoing pattern of physical, verbal or electronic abuse”
- Consequences:
 - Loss of extracurricular privileges
 - Detentions
 - Short and Long Term Suspension
 - Expulsion
 - Alternative School Assignment



Civil Consequences

- Student and parents can be sued
 - Suing for money; no jail time
 - Homeowners insurance often pays
 - Judgments can result in home foreclosure and other hardship

Cutler v. Morales (Nev.)

- Middle School student bullied
 - Made mean comments in school
 - Called her "Oompa Loompa" and "Dora the Explorer" on FB and Twitter
 - Vandalized her house
- She sued five families
- \$10,000 per incident



Criminal Consequences for Cyberbullying

- Neb. Rev. Stat. 28-311.01
- Terroristic Threats: “threatens to commit any crime of violence ...
 - With the intent to terrorize another
 - In reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror
- Class IV Felony punishable by:
 - Up to 5 years in prison and/or
 - \$10,000 fine

SORRY MR. ROLLINS, BUT UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES IT'S INAPPROPRIATE FOR ME TO ACCEPT YOUR FRIEND REQUEST...



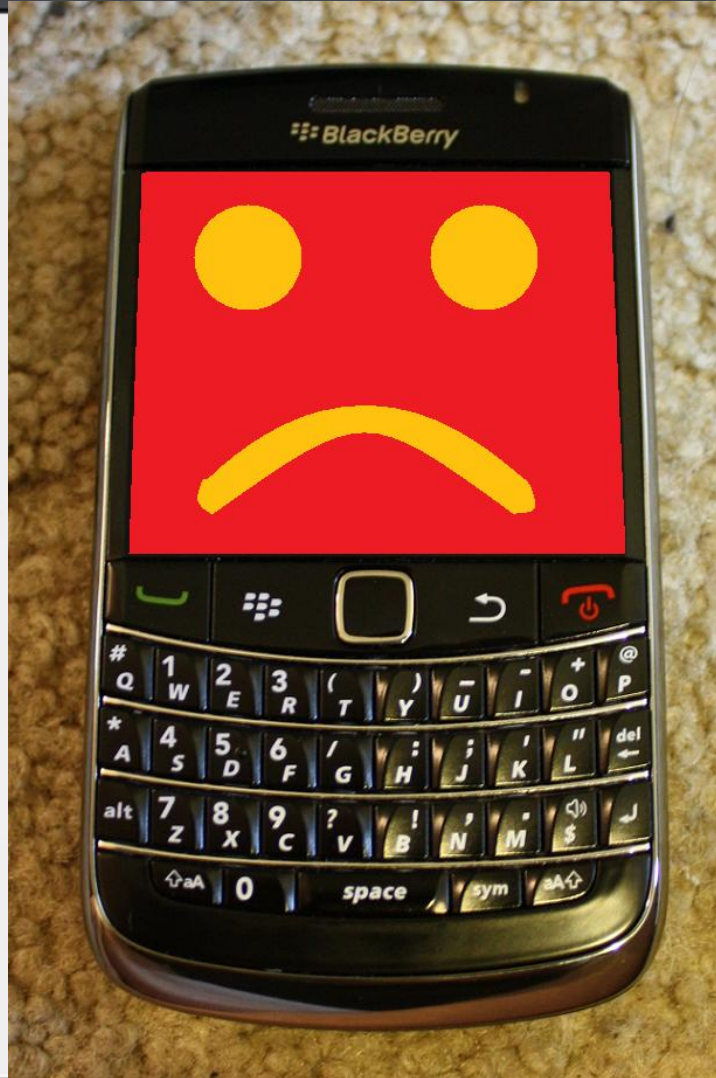
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Sexting



Sexting?

Sexting, v: (a combination of sex and texting) is the act of sending sexually explicit messages or photos electronically, primarily between cell phones.

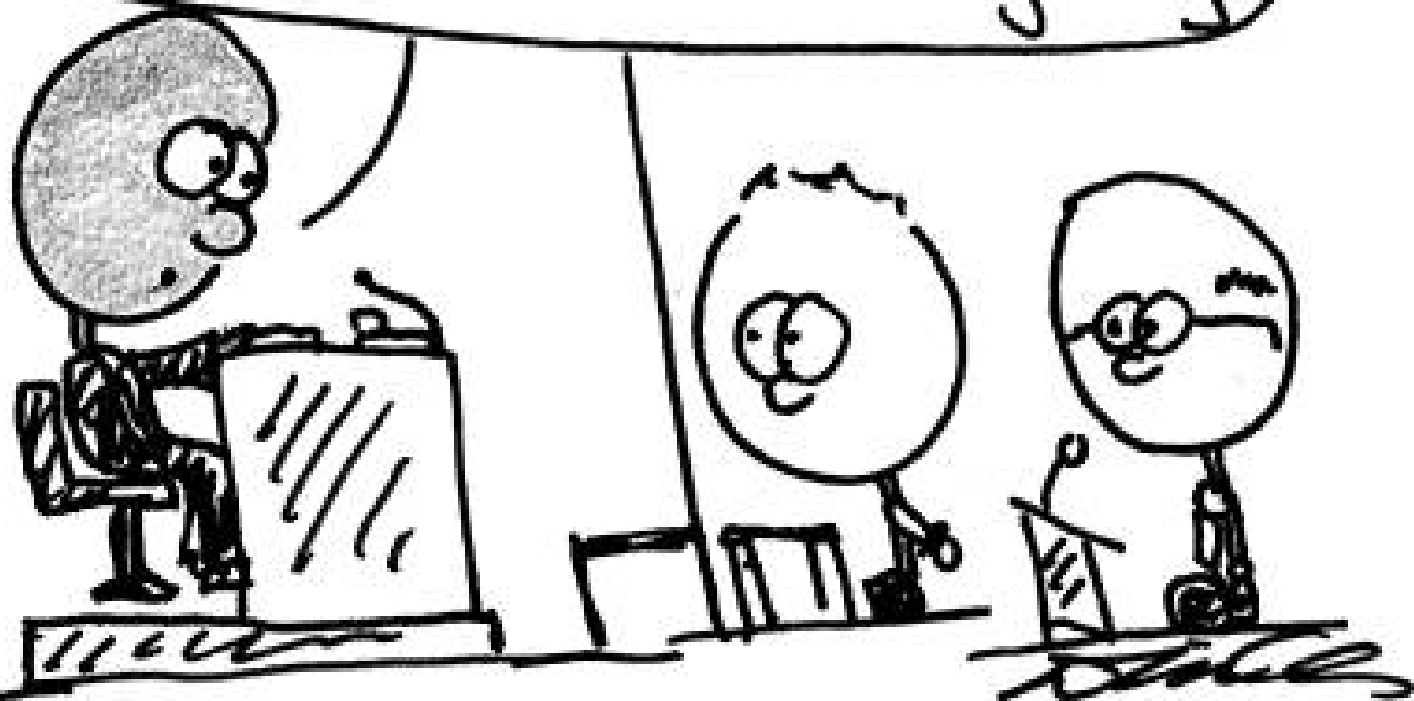
Criminal Implications Under Nebraska Law

- Neb. Rev. Stat. 28-813 et. Seq.
- Makes sexting (images) a class IV felony for offenders under 19
- Class IIIA felony for 19 and up
- Both punishable by:
 - Up to 5 years in prison and/or
 - \$10,000 fine
 - Require sex offender registration

In re Katrina R.

- 15 year old texted nude pics to her BF
- Was adjudicated “a child who deports herself so as to injure or endanger seriously the morals or health of herself or others”
 - Placed in legal custody of HHS
 - 6 months’ probation
 - Required counseling and community service.

For those reasons, the
Court sentences you to
85 months in prison.
Don't forget to change your
Facebook status to "guilty."



Internet Safety



State v. Gallegos

- 16-year-old girl met 17-year-old guy on Kik
- Talked, became friends
- Asked her for picture
- She said OK
- Then said he'd share with her classmates
- him



So What DOES Belong on Your Phone or Profile/Page?



Just ask your Grandma

The Grandma Rule:

- If you wouldn't show it to your Grandma, don't photograph it!
- If you wouldn't write it to your Grandma, don't text it!
- If you wouldn't tell you Grandma about it, don't post it!
- If you wouldn't say it to your Grandma, don't say it during a cell phone call!

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