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PROMOTING CONSENT IN A DIGITAL ERA

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS

IDENTIFYING SEXUAL ASSAULT AND PROMOTING CONSENT IN A DIGITAL ERA

Alpha Sigma Phi partners with RAINN, the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization. RAINN operates the National Sexual Assault Hotline which is FREE and CONFIDENTIAL – 800-656-HOPE.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Our content below is focused on asking and giving consent through online interactions. The content below is modified from NSRVC. Learn more about their resources at <https://www.nsvrc.org/saam>.

SEXTING

- It's never okay to send unwanted sexts — even to a long-term partner.
- If your partner is okay with sexting, ask them before you send anything.
- Remember, even on SnapChat, a message can be screenshot, saved, and shared. Also, if you send a message to someone on SnapChat, they have the opportunity to save it which will be stored in your message history.

PICTURES

- Just like any other kind of sex, digital sexual interactions should feel exciting, comfortable, and safe for everyone involved.
- If someone says “no” to sending a nude photo, respect their choice and move on. Do not repeatedly ask. Never pressure, coerce, or guilt someone to send photos — especially nude photos.
- If someone sends you a picture once, it is not an open opportunity to continue to receive/send pictures. You should ask each time and each time respect their decision.
- Sending unwanted pics can be viewed as sexual harassment – and similar to sexts, can be screenshot, saved, stored and shared. Not including your face in the image doesn't remove you from harassment claims.

CONSENT VIOLATIONS

- If someone shares a nude photo with you, don't share it with anyone. Sharing intimate photos with someone they weren't meant for is a violation of trust and could be illegal.
- Sharing photos includes sending to one person or sharing it in a private Facebook, GroupMe or SnapChat Group.
 - University of Central Florida students and Delta Sigma Phi fraternity members “published intimate video and photos” to a private Facebook page called the “Dog Pound.”

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- Kappa Delta Rho at Penn State faces charges after posting photos of nude females on private website
- FIU Fraternity suspended after leaked GroupChat reveals nude photos of female students
- Revenge pornography is the distribution of sexually explicit images or video of individuals without their permission.
- It can also be a crime to store or share sexual photos of someone under 18, even if you are also under 18.

WHAT CAN MY CHAPTER DO TO PROMOTE CONSENT IN THE DIGITAL AGE?

- Set up a table in front of the Student Union and hand out resources cards with the National Sexual Assault Hotline.
- Request a RAINN speaker for your Chapter/IFC.
- Post handouts on campus for RAINN's resources.
- Purchase umbrellas and hand out to students on campus!

How does your Chapter support RAINN? Tag @RAINN on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter!

