

Youth in Care and Social Media Use

Texting Abbreviations to Watch For



Introduction

Abbreviating words or phrases can help facilitate quick communication. Some texting abbreviations seem to have become words of their own, for example LOL (laugh out loud) has become such a popular texting abbreviation that it is used on

a variety of social networking sites. However, not all texting abbreviations are as apparent as LOL and it can seem like foster teens are speaking a different language. Below is a list of texting abbreviations that could signal something is going on that you should be concerned about.

F2F

Offering to video chat or meet in person

MOS

Mom over shoulder

S2R

Send to receive (pictures)

KMS

Kill myself

KYS

Kill yourself

CD9 / Code 9

It means parents are around.

"If your parents are around and you don't want them to see or know what you are texting, or putting on a website like fb, you send cd9 to alert them not to say or put anything that could get you into trouble!"

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Parent watching

"When you're on IM or texting and a parent or other bothersome person is breathing down your neck, type '9' and the person who you are talking to will understand and switch to a different, more boring topic, like school or work."

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It means "ate". It refers to oral sex.

GNOC

Get naked on cam, mostly used in chat rooms by "pedos"

P911

Parent alert

"Parents are here! Don't type something you wouldn't want them to see."

PIR

Parent in room

Used while kids are in online chat rooms/IM services and parents are in the room.

IWSN

I want sex now

NIFOC

Naked in front of computer

CU46

See you for sex, Used in texting

53X

Sex

420

Marijuana

Sugarpic

Sexually suggestive or erotic picture

Erotic, nude or suggestive images sent to an online friend, usually via instant message or email.

LMIRL

Let's meet in real life

IRL

In real life

TDTM

Talk dirty to me

LH6

Let's Have Sex

I&I

Intercourse and intoxication

IPN

I'm posting naked

LM46

Let's meet for sex

LHU

Let's hook up

PEN15

Stands for penis

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