

Two Kinds of Stupid



SUGGESTED GRADES

Middle and High School

NOTE

NetSmartz strongly encourages you to preview the video before showing it to students as it may be too mature for some audiences.

INTERNET SAFETY

ISSUES

Cell phones
Inappropriate content
Revealing too much
Social networking

VIDEO SYNOPSIS

Eduardo is a well-rounded high school student—he has good grades, plenty of friends, and supportive parents. He is hoping to get a college scholarship for swimming, but his plans are ruined when he posts inappropriate party pictures on his profile. In addition to being suspended from school for violating the Student Athlete Code of Conduct, he loses his spot on the team, his friends, and the respect of his parents. “Two Kinds of Stupid” is Eduardo’s story about how two bad decisions led to serious consequences.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why does Eduardo say he was two kinds of stupid?

Not only did he violate the Student Athlete Code of Conduct, he posted the party pictures online where he lost control of them. He made two poor decisions that resulted in some serious consequences.

2. What could Eduardo have done to prevent the pictures from getting out?

Nothing. Once he posted them online, he lost control of them because anyone on his friends list could copy them and post them elsewhere, or print them out. The only way to control them would have been to not have taken them in the first place.

3. What are the possible consequences for posting party pictures online?

Like Eduardo, you could be suspended for breaking a student code of conduct and you might lose your spot on a sports team. If the party pictures show illegal behavior, like underage drinking or drug use, you might be charged with a crime. There are also social consequences, like losing friends if your pictures get them into trouble.

4. Other than party pictures, what other kinds of information or images are inappropriate to post online?

Inappropriate posts include anything showing illegal behavior, such as drug use and assault. For example, some teens post fight videos online. The teens fighting might be charged with assault, while the teen who posts the video might be charged for cyberbullying.

5. How do cell phones and social media play a role in how information travels?

Cell phones and social media make it easy for teens to share messages and pictures. It’s so easy for others to forward and repost whatever you put online, so everything can spread farther and faster.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

- » Ask students to consider why teens post party pictures online and then write a letter convincing a friend not to post them.
- » Ask students to write a two-paragraph response to the following question: Do you think Eduardo’s punishment was fair? Why or why not?

RELATED RESOURCES

- » “Two Kinds of Stupid” Middle School Activity Card
- » “Two Kinds of Stupid” High School Activity Card
- » “Your Guide to Social Networking” Tip Sheet
- » “Tips for Teens” Tip Sheet
- » Teen Internet Safety Presentation

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