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Safe Sexting Forum: Community Partners Mark Sexual Assault Awareness Month

London, Ontario – More than 25% of teens admit to sending sexually explicit images, video and digital messages of themselves by cellphone, a growing and alarming trend among youth. But many teens are unprepared for the consequences especially given that once the image is sent you can never get it back.

This can lead to:

- Criminal charges for creating, distributing and possessing child pornography if the person in the image is under 18 years of age
- Exploitation by adults who gain access to the picture
- Sexual harassment and violence
- Gender-based bullying
- Depression, despair and even suicide...

May is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Join community partners for a free education and dialogue forum sponsored by Sexual Assault Centre London, London Coordinating Committee to End Woman Abuse, Changing Ways, Women's Rural Resource Centre of Strathroy and Area. Learn about the impacts of sexting and how we all have a role to play in preventing sexual harassment & sexual violence facilitated by today's technology.

Speakers include Detective Constables Jeremy Dann and Angela Johnson from the Cyber Crime Unit of London Police Service, and Nicole Pietsch, Coordinator, Ontario Coalition of Rape Crisis Centres for the Draw the Line Campaign.

When: Tuesday, May 21st, 6 – 8 pm

Where: 255 Horton Street, Goodwill Industries, Conference Centre, 3rd Floor

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