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Read this scenario to your athletes:

You walk into the locker room to change, and you see two fencers taking selfies and posting on Snap Chat.

Discussion Questions:

What do you do if these are your teammates?

Kids might say that they would remind the other fencers that taking pictures in the locker room is against the rules, or they might say they would go back out to tell their coach.

>Safe Sport says: It's important to speak up! Taking pictures in the locker room is against the rules. If you're comfortable telling other athletes to stop, do that. If you're uncomfortable confronting them, tell your coach.

What do you do if this happens at a tournament, and you don't know the other fencers?

Kids might say they would do nothing or go and tell their coach.

>Safe Sport says: This is still against the rules at a tournament! Ask them to stop, or tell your coach. If you're able to see what club the fencers are from, share that with your coach.

What do you do if you see a post on Snap Chat or Instagram of your teammates in the locker room?

Kids might say to ignore it or tell their coach.

>Safe Sport says: No one wants to be a tattletale, but this is clearly against the rules. Talk to your teammate or your coach. What if someone was changing in the background or in the mirrors? It can get out of hand quickly.

What can you say to the fencers that won't sound too angry or accusatory?

>Safe Sport says: "Hey, just in case you forgot, we're not supposed to have phones in here, and we're not supposed to take pictures. I'm getting ready to change; can you please put your phone away? Thanks!"

Bonus Question:

What do you do if it's an adult in the locker room taking selfies?

Kids might say that it's really weird. (It is.)

>Safe Sport says: Trust your instincts! You don't know what the person's intentions are. If you feel safe and/or comfortable, you can ask them to leave. Tell your coach right away. Whether it's a stranger who doesn't know the rules or a coach or referee who is ignoring the rules, it's never okay for anyone to take pictures in the locker room.

Wrap It Up:

How does speaking up and following the rules fit within our club's culture?

Ask your fencers to tell you what your club values are (sticking up for each other, respecting each other and our facilities, making sure that everyone has the best chance for success, etc.)

**For coaches: review your team's locker room monitoring policy and share how it applies to this scenario with your fencers.