

WHAT IS SEXTORTION? WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT?

Sextortion is a type of blackmail used by offenders to acquire additional sexual content from the child, coerce them into engaging in sexual activity or to obtain money from the child.

60%

of the time, the blackmailer is known to the victim.

Other times, the offender was met online. This could be a lone-actor or a coordinated group of extorters who work together to target and elicit explicit content from their victims. This type of extorter may request additional content (often of an increasingly explicit nature) or money.

Who Are the Perpetrators?

Often, victims know their extorters. They are current or former romantic partners. They may hold an initial sexual image that was sent intentionally by the victim and are now using it to get more content; threatening to spread the picture to friends and family if the victim does not comply.

What can parents do?

Let children know that this can happen to anyone.

Be supportive and contact:

Take it Down

This service is one step you can take to help remove online nude, partially nude, or sexually explicit photos and videos taken before you were 18.

<https://takeitdown.ncmec.org/>



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