

# PROTECTING YOURSELF AGAINST SEXUAL EXTORTION

**Sexual Extortion** is a form of **blackmail** where someone threatens to reveal private or sensitive images, videos, or information about you unless you obey their demands. **These demands may include sending more explicit content, providing money, or performing unwanted actions.**

They may even go so far as to **threaten** to send sensitive photos or videos to your parents, friends, or post them online.

Someone who is trying to exploit you may even start as an online **romantic** relationship or **friendship** to gain trust and information.

They may even use **Ai** to create **FAKE** sensitive photos or videos of you.

**Block and Don't Respond** – Stop all communication with the person, but don't delete your profile or the messages.

**Don't Pay or Send More Images** – This won't stop them.

**Save Evidence** – This is not your fault. Sextortion is a crime, and the extortionist is to blame. Take screenshots of messages, usernames, and threats.

**Report It** – Report the incident to local law enforcement (911) and the CyberTipline (1-800-THE-LOST / [report.cybertip.org](https://report.cybertip.org))

**Tell Someone You Trust** – Don't isolate under the pressure. Ask a parent, teacher, or counselor to help.

**Take It Down** is a **free anonymous** service that can help you remove or stop the online sharing of sexually explicit images or videos taken of you when you were under 18 years old.

Learn more at [takeitdown.ncmec.org](https://takeitdown.ncmec.org)

