

SEXTORTION: WHAT TO DO IMMEDIATELY

**If your child is being threatened online, stay calm.
Your child needs support, not blame.**

1. STOP & SUPPORT

- Tell your child: "You are not in trouble. I'm glad you told me."
- Do not blame, shame, or punish them.
- Do not let them handle the situation alone.

2. DON'T PAY OR COMPLY

- Do not send money.
- Do not send additional photos or videos.
- Do not negotiate or agree to meet the person.
- Remember: Paying does not guarantee the threats will stop.

3. PRESERVE EVIDENCE

Before blocking or deleting the account, save relevant information:

- Username/profile information
- Messages and threats
- Dates and times
- Payment demands
- Phone numbers, email addresses, or links

**Do not forward or redistribute sexual images of a child.
Ask law enforcement how to safely preserve this type of evidence.**

4. REPORT & BLOCK

After preserving evidence:

- Report the account through the platform.
- Block the perpetrator.
- Do not continue communicating with them.

5. REPORT THE EXPLOITATION

NCMEC CyberTipline: report.cybertip.org

You can also contact your local law enforcement agency.

If your child is in immediate danger, call 911.

6. KEEP SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD

Reassure them:

- They are not to blame.
- They are not alone.
- They did the right thing by telling you.
- You will handle this together.

**Remember: Sextortion is a crime. Your child is the victim, not the one who should feel ashamed.
Stay calm. Preserve evidence. Report it. Get help.**