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# What is sextortion?

## **SEXTORTION IS...**

When a nude, intimate, private or explicit image or video of you is used for blackmail.

Perpetrators may ask for:

- Money
- Gift Cards
- Bank Details
- Personal Information

In exchange for the content being removed. In cases where people pay, the perpetrators typically just ask for more.



## WHO IS MOST AT RISK?

There is not one set “type of person” that can be a victim of sextortion. **It can happen to anyone, at any time.**

However, recent figures from the National Crime Agency have shown that teenagers are at high risk. All age groups and genders are being targeted but boys and young men aged 14-18 make up a large proportion of cases.



Individuals that have a lack of online safety awareness and security measures are also at great risk.

Images may be obtained by hacking an individual's Cloud Storage, or by manipulating the person into sending the image.

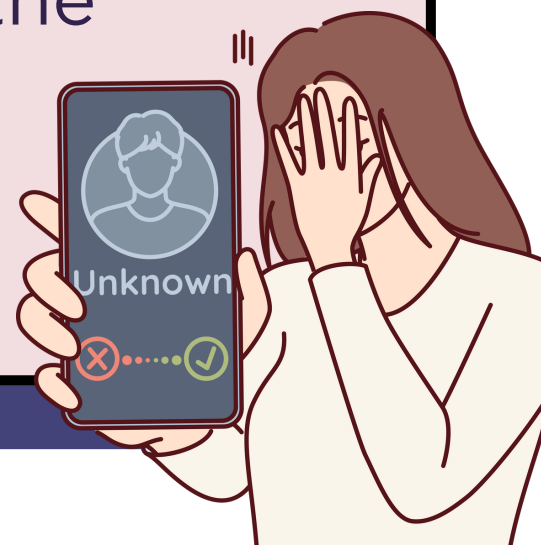
**This is why it is important to build an awareness of internet safety and security.**



## HOW DO PEOPLE GET THESE PHOTOS?

Sextortion can involve the perpetrator establishing a strong relationship with the person they are targeting before asking for the image.

However, it may also be that the images are accessed by hacking a person's phone, Snapchat or Cloud. The images may also have been taken without the consent of the person shown.



## WHAT CAN I DO IF THIS HAPPENS?

While it might be tempting just to pay the money and be done with it - **this rarely ever works.**

There are a few routes you can take if this happens, read on for information on what this might look like.

**No matter what, you are not to blame for what has happened, and you are deserving of support.**



## **If you are under 18:**

- The person doing this is threatening to distribute child pornography. There are laws specific to this.
- You can use the [NSPCCs Report Remove tool](#).

## **If you are an adult concerned about a young person:**

- You can also use [NSPCCs Report Remove tool](#)
- Or you can report to the [Internet Watch Foundation](#)

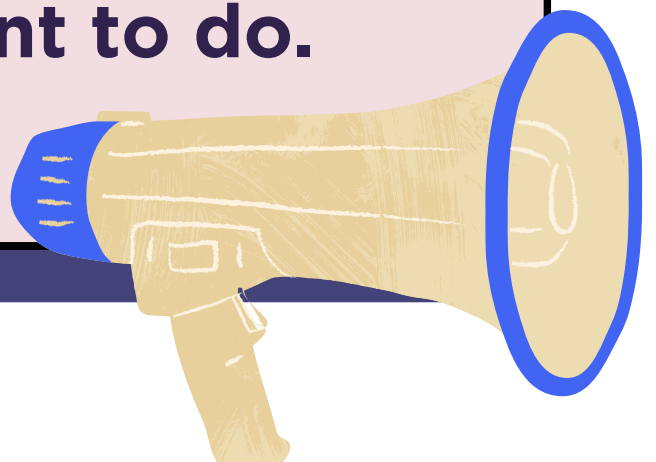
**REPORT**



If you are over 18 you can use:

- Stop Non-Consensual Intimate Image Abuse
- Take It Down
- The Revenge Porn Helpline

**No matter what age you are,** sharing or threatening to share explicit images of someone is a form of image-based sexual abuse, and is a criminal offence. **You have the right to go to the police if this is something you want to do.**





## **CAN I GET SUPPORT?**

The STAR Centre supports **anybody** that has experienced sexual violence, including Online Sexual Violence.

If this has happened to you, we can support you through your next steps.

### **Contact us:**



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