

WHAT IS SEXTORTION?

Simply put, sextortion is blackmail. It's when someone threatens to send a sexual image or video of you to other people if you don't pay them or provide more sexual content.

Unfortunately, sextortion has been on the rise lately. But there are ways to prevent and fight

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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Live streaming can be easily recorded – don't be fooled by thinking it's live and therefore "no big deal." The same risks exist for live streaming as sending photos or videos.

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Unless you know the other person offline, there is no way to verify who is on the other end.

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Pre-recorded video can be live streamed. For example, an adult could stream a video of a teenage girl, so you may think you are talking to a teenage girl in real-time when that's not actually true.

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Trust your instincts, be skeptical and cautious. For example, if the person you are chatting with on cam has an excuse as to why their camera isn't working then that person may be trying to hide their identity.

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Never comply with the threat – it will only make the situation worse.

Remember, the best way to fight sextortion is to prevent it. So don't send nudes, send a naked mole rat instead.