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What is it?

Sexual extortion, also known as sextortion, occurs when someone threatens another person – through violence, harm to reputation, or distribution of explicit material – with the intent to coerce them into unwanted actions. These actions may include engaging in sexual conduct, providing explicit content, providing money or valuables, or complying with demands against the victims' will. These situations can cause significant emotional distress and place victims in dangerous situations. Many victims feel forced to comply because they are scared of the repercussions.

Parents and guardians play a key role in keeping their student(s) safe by discussing healthy relationships and by respecting boundaries. Together, we can help ensure these children understand that sexual extortion is NEVER their fault, and that there is always someone out there to help them navigate these situations if they find that they have fallen victim to these predators. Offenders often manipulate, groom, or trick young people into sharing images and scare them into submission.

To Support Families

To support families, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) provides resources to help parents talk with their student(s) about these risks and take steps to remove harmful images from the internet.


[https://
www.missingkids.org/
content/dam/netSMARTZ/
downloadable/tipsheets/
sextortion-what-parents-
should-know.pdf](https://www.missingkids.org/content/dam/netSMARTZ/downloadable/tipsheets/sextortion-what-parents-should-know.pdf)


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