

What is Sextortion?

Sextortion, also known as 'webcam blackmail', is when intimate images and videos are recorded and used for financial exploitation and coercion.

How does it happen?

The blackmailers are often part of criminal gangs operating overseas and target several people at once. After meeting on a social media or dating platform; they will quickly start a sexual relationship by persuading their targets into sharing intimate content or will secretly record a sexual video call. This content will then be used to blackmail their targets for money or further sexual content.

What to do if you're being blackmailed

If you have been affected by sextortion, please know that you are not alone, you have not done anything wrong and you deserve support.

Do not pay any money

Do not pay any money or meet their demands. The amount you send will not be enough and the blackmailer will probably ask for more.

Collect Evidence

This could include screenshots of threatening messages they have sent, bank details they shared with you and any other relevant communication. This may be helpful when reporting to the police, reporting accounts to social media platforms or contacting your bank.

Stop, block and report

When they have no way of contacting you and make these threats, they are more likely to leave you alone.

Privacy and security

It's best to review and raise all of your privacy and security settings across your own social media accounts and remain cautious to any new or suspicious friend requests.



StopNCII.org

StopNCII.org is a platform which works to digitally hash intimate images and videos and prevent this from being shared publicly across participating industry partners.

Reaching out for support

The blackmailers rely on their victims feeling ashamed and therefore giving in to their demands. You have not done anything wrong, and you deserve support. You're not alone, please reach out to a trusted friend or family member to talk about how you are feeling. The Revenge Porn Helpline are always here to support all adults affected by sextortion and intimate image abuse.

Awareness Campaign

Our **#CutOffTheCatfish** campaign is exploring support and guidance to help those who have been affected by sextortion. If you or anyone you know needs support, please visit our website or follow the campaign on social media.

revengepornhelpline.org.uk/resources/sextortion-awareness-campaign



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