

# TAKE ACTION FOR YOURSELF

## Secure your digital accounts:

- Change your passwords on all social media accounts.
- If you have shared any social media passwords or login information with the offender, include this when you report to the platform and the authorities.
- Update privacy settings and use two-factor authentication.

## Get your image back:

**[TakeltBack.NCMEC.org](http://TakeltBack.NCMEC.org)** is a free service to help remove online nude, partially nude, or sexually explicit photos and videos taken before you were 18.

## Find support:

- Text **"THORN"** to **741741** to confidentially speak with a trained counselor who can help talk you through this.
- **The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children** has resources for you, too, at:

**[GetHelp@NCMEC.org](mailto:GetHelp@NCMEC.org)**  
or **1-800-THELOST**

## SEXTORTION'S RED FLAGS

The skilled, ruthless individuals carrying out this crime have honed their techniques and approaches to maximize their chances of success. **The following are some common tactics these predators use to entice victims:**

- Developing a false rapport with the victim
- Secretly recording explicit videos and messages during chats
- Hacking accounts to steal sexual images
- Threatening to commit suicide if the victim refuses to send images
- Visiting public social media profiles to find out more about the victim, including accessing the victim's friend list and searching for other personal information that may harm their victim's reputation



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For more information on Sextortion and a list of resources available, visit:



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## SEXTORTION:

Reporting & Resources  
for Minors

Office of the Mississippi Attorney General  
P.O. Box 220 Jackson, MS 39205

601.359.6766 | 800.829.6766  
[AttorneyGeneralLynnFitch.com](http://AttorneyGeneralLynnFitch.com)



# WHAT IS SEXTORTION?

**Sextortion** "Sextortion is a form of child sexual exploitation where children are threatened or blackmailed, most often with the possibility of sharing with the public a nude or sexual images of them, by a person who demands additional sexual content, sexual activity or money from the child." -NCMEC

## Example:



It is not your fault!  
You have been *tricked*.  
And you are not *alone*.

If you suspect you've been a victim of **Sextortion**, your **IMMEDIATE** next steps should be:



Stop responding!



Take screenshots/document all of your messages with them. Capture their screen name, profile picture, phone number, and/or profile link. But do NOT delete your communications with them.



Report and block the user through the platform they used to contact you. Include your age and anything distributed without your consent in your report. Tell a trusted adult what happened and report the incident to the police.

## Remember

This is a bad actor set out to scam and extort you. **They cannot be trusted.** Complying with their demands will not remove the threat.



## DO NOT:

- ✗ Send more images to the individual
- ✗ Send any money-- no matter how small-- if you have already paid, don't pay any more
- ✗ Acknowledge any demands they have made
- ✗ Engage in any further conversation with them

**You are a victim of a crime.** It does not matter how it started. **You are not at fault.**

