

SEXTORTION - Webcam Blackmail

What is sextortion?

When someone you have met online encourages you to carry out a sexual act in front of your Webcam and then threatens to post a recording of you online or send a copy to friends or family unless you pay them money. This is a form of blackmail known as *sextortion*.

Why me?

The vast majority of these incidents are perpetrated by professional criminals looking to make easy money. You are most likely to have been targeted because you have visited certain internet sites where these criminals lie in wait for the unwary.

Hundreds of similar cases are reported to UK Law Enforcement each year and thousands more are recorded world wide.

REMEMBER
NOT EVERYONE YOU MEET ONLINE IS
WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE!

What should I do?

Don't Panic

The first big step is to recognise you are the 'victim' in this and that you may require support to help you through what has happened.

Don't pay

The choice to pay is yours but experience shows where victims have paid then there is no guarantee that offenders will not still post the recording and are in fact more likely to come back with further demands.

Don't keep communicating

By replying to these threats it indicates to the criminals that you are someone who may be persuaded to pay their ransom.

Do consider getting support

You can contact your local Police force (101) to report what has happened to you. This is particularly important if you are struggling to cope with the issue. If you are under 18 consider speaking to a trusted adult and additional support is also available via Child Exploitation Online Protection. (CEOP)

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

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Who Can help?



Local Police 101
(999 in Emergencies)

Child Exploitation and Online
www.ceop.police.uk



National Crime Agency
www.nca.gov.uk



Revenge Porn Helpline
help@revengepornhelpline.org.uk

YOUTUBE

How to flag a video:

1. Below the YouTube video player click the More button
2. Highlight and click the Report button in the drop-down-menu
3. Click the reason for flagging that best fits the violation within the video
4. Provide any additional details that may help the review team make their final decision

FACEBOOK

To report a photo or video:

1. Click on the photo or video to expand it
2. Click on the ellipsis (***) or the drop down in the top right
3. Click @I don't like this photo@ or @report this post'
4. Choose relevant option for example 'I think it shouldn't be on Facebook

TWITTER

You do not need an account to remove information about yourself. Fill out a form at the following address:
Twitter – Remove Private Information

GOOGLE

You can ask Google to remove a nude or sexually explicit image or video of you that's been shared without your consent. To do this:

1. Click on Settings in bottom, right-hand corner
2. Select Search Help
3. Expand Troubleshoot & Request Removals from menu
4. Finally click on Remove Information from Google and follow the step by step instructions