

# SEXTORTION

## WHAT IS SEXTORTION?

Extorting money by threatening to publicly share or post evidence of a person's sexual activity; typically intimate images or videos of the victim.

56%

increase in teens being sextorted

According to [cybertip.ca](http://cybertip.ca), there was a 56% increase in youth sextortion cases from March-August 2022. [Cybertip.ca](http://Cybertip.ca) receives around 200 reports per month.

## HOW IT HAPPENS

Scammers make fake accounts/profiles and then troll social media looking for victims. Scammers may even use voice and image-modifying tech to appear like legitimate willing intimate partners.

## AND THEN ...

You send intimate images/videos or participate in video streaming. Afterwards you receive a threatening message demanding money otherwise the scammer will post and share the images/video.

## WHAT TO DO?

If you are being threatened, make sure to keep all evidence you can and block the account. Paying the scammer most often results in further demands and escalated threats. Talk to a trusted adult, local Victim Support service, or the police. Sextortion is a crime and there are resources available to help victims.

## WHO CAN YOU TALK TO?

[cybertip.ca](http://cybertip.ca), [kidshelpphone.ca](http://kidshelpphone.ca), and [stopsextortion.com](http://stopsextortion.com) provide resources, 24 hour support, and advice for youth who are dealing with sextortion. **You are not alone!**

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