



Parent's Guide to Sextortion

Sextortion is threatening to post nudes or sexual images online. Teenage boys in particular are at risk of sextortion, but what happens?

1. Connect with a child using one of the social media apps or games
2. Encourage them to move onto a platform with video
3. Start a conversation which quickly turns sexual
4. Encourage them to put on their video camera
5. The criminal usually poses as a teenage girl and either makes excuses why their camera isn't working or uses a pre-recorded video
6. The child is encouraged to remove their clothing or to perform intimate activity
7. The criminal makes a recording made of the activity
8. Blackmail statement made

To find out more about this phenomenon please follow the link below:

<https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/sextortion/>

What To Do If Your Child Is a Victim of Sextortion

- Do not blame the child, they are not to blame.
- Do not pay or engage further with the person asking for money.
- Stop all communication.
- If your child still has copies of the images, videos, or links to the website the images are on, don't delete them. Report the images using the Report Remove tool here:
<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove/>
- Contact the police on 101. You can also make a report online, here:
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>
- Support your child without blaming them. You can get support, advice and help from the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 or advice from the police
- Speak to the Safeguarding Team at school

The Safeguarding Team at Haven High offer pupils, parents and their family resources, advice, signposting and referrals that promote children's safety, safeguarding and wellbeing.

Our aim is that all the children at Haven High have the best possible outcomes.

Please get in touch if you are worried about a child or would like more information.

Email safe@havenhigh.net or call the Year Hub on 01205 311979