

Help and advice for victims of sextortion ...

If you have been a victim of sextortion, **you are not alone.**

Don't panic! - don't respond to demands and don't enter into further communication.

If you can, **confide in a trusted friend or family member,**

Contact police immediately on 101 or report it online via the police website. We will take your case seriously and it will be dealt with in absolute confidence.

Find out more about sextortion and support available at:

psni.police.uk/sextortion

Know the risks of sharing intimate images online!

Report online. Call 101.
In an emergency call 999



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“Literally, in seconds they used my image to blackmail me.”



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What is sextortion?

Sextortion is a cyber-enabled crime during which victims are lured into sharing intimate images or performing sexual acts in front of a webcam. Unbeknown to victims, their actions are recorded by criminals who then use the video footage in an attempt to blackmail individuals.

Offenders will commonly target their victims through dating apps, social media or webcams using a false identity.

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Anyone can be a victim but there are steps you can take to prevent this type of crime from happening to you. Prevention advice

- Update the privacy settings on your social networking accounts so only people you know can view your account.
- Do not include any sensitive, private or confidential information in profiles.

- Do not share intimate videos online.
- Do not get lured into compromising situations such as removing clothes or performing intimate acts online.
- Always remember that what goes online may well stay online.
- Be wary about who you invite or accept invitations from on social networking sites.
Do not accept friendship requests from complete strangers.

