

Someone Is Threatening to Share Your Images?

This is sextortion, and it is a crime. You can get through this, and help is available right now.

It is not your fault

You are the victim of a crime. Offenders target thousands of young people with the same tricks. **You are not alone, and you are not in trouble.** Many people have been through this and come out the other side.

What to do now

1. **Don't pay** and don't send more images. Paying rarely stops the threats; they usually ask for more.
2. **Stop replying**, but don't delete the conversation yet.
3. **Save evidence.** Screenshot the messages, the account name and profile, and any payment details they gave you.
4. **Block and report** the account on the app (Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, TikTok, WhatsApp).
5. **Stop the images spreading.** Under 18: use **Take It Down** (takeitdown.ncmec.org). 18 and over: use **StopNCII.org**. Both work without you sending the image to anyone.
6. **Talk to someone you trust** and call the **CyberClinic Helpline on 267** for confidential support.

For parents and guardians

- **Stay calm and supportive.** Your child needs to feel safe, not judged. Thank them for telling you.
- Don't pay the offender, and don't contact them yourself.
- Help your child save evidence and report, then call **267**. GISF can help with reporting to the Cyber Security Authority and police.
- Watch your child's wellbeing closely in the days after. Sextortion can cause serious distress.

Know the signs

Offenders often pose as an attractive young person, flirt quickly, send a "nude" first, then ask for one back. Within minutes they threaten to send it to family, friends or school unless paid. **If a new online contact moves fast and asks for images, stop.**