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SEXTORTION

Sextortion happens when someone threatens to distribute your private and sensitive material if their demands aren't met.

It take a few days sometimes just an hour to groom the child to have them send you compromising pictures, videos, explicit content conversation



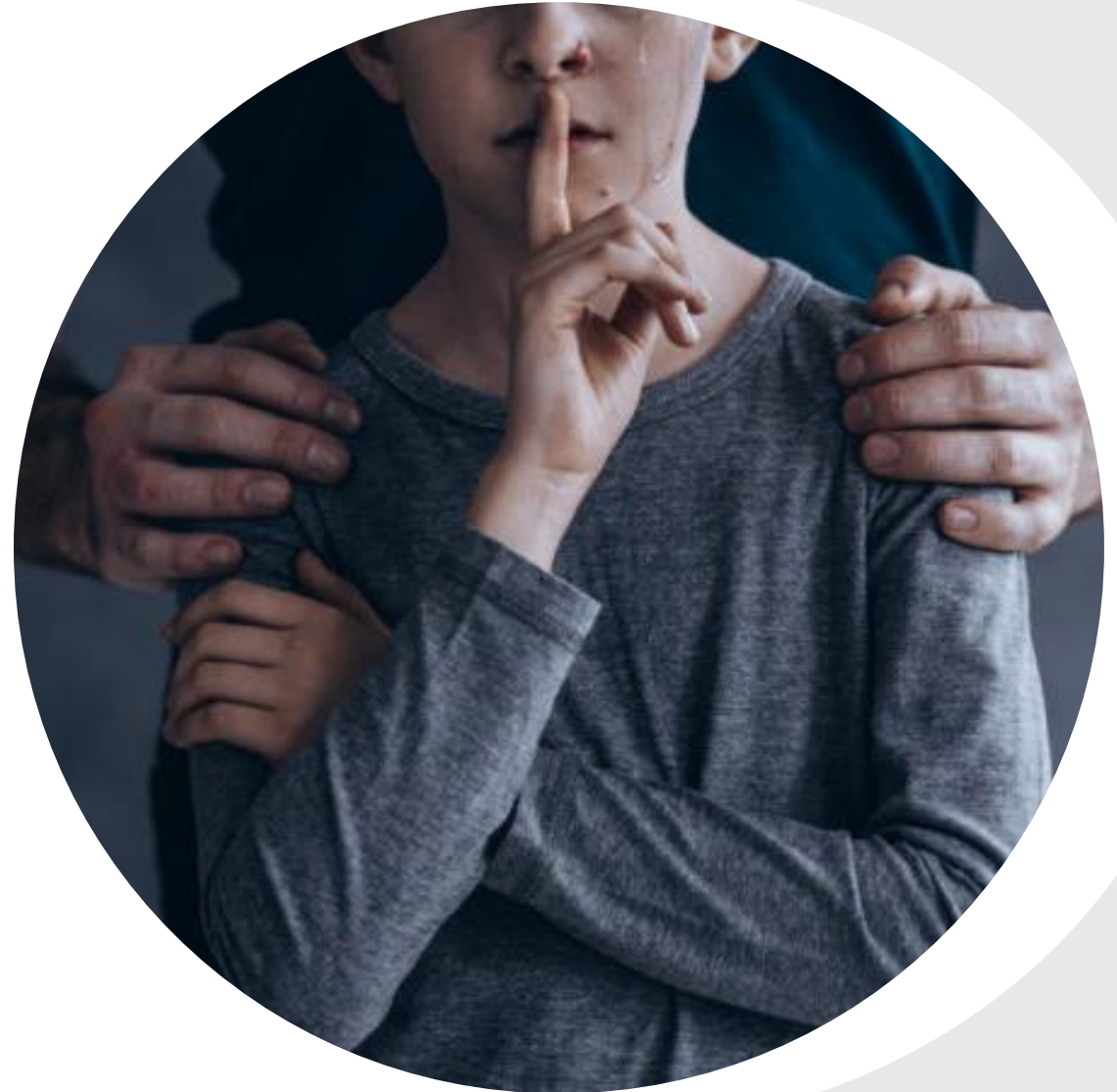
ESCALATION PATH

Initial approach can happen on any site, app, or game.

Adult posing as a child of the opposite sex.

Communication is started under pretense of a romantic relationship, offering something of value, or already a threat.

The criminal might send a link or attachment with malware to access child's camera and microphone.



Conversation is taken right away to a different platform.

Perpetrator will gain victim's social media credentials.

Criminal will use the information he/she found on social media to threaten to hurt the child or the child's family members if the child stops sending compromising images etc.

Predator can threaten that a child will be prosecuted for producing pornographic images if he/she tells the parents or authorities. The criminals count on the child feeling too unsure, scared, or embarrassed to tell someone



INDICATORS THAT YOUR CHILD MIGHT BE A TARGET

- Compliments or flattery under the pretense of beginning a romantic relationship.
- Reciprocation (“I’ll show you, if you show me”)
- Pretending to work for a modeling agency to obtain sexual images of the child.
- Offer online game credits or codes; or money, and gift cards.
- Take the conversation to a different platform.
- Signs of shame, fear, and confusion.





What can parents do to protect their children



EDUCATE YOUR KIDS people can pretend to be anything or anyone online. Videos and photos are not proof that a person is who they claim to be. Images can be altered or stolen. In some cases, predators have even used the images of their previous victims.



ENCOURAGE KIDS TO COME FORWARD. Exploited kids are not in trouble. They are the victims, no matter how bad the situation is. Stress to your children that making any kind of threat online—even if they think it's a joke—is a crime.



USE PARENTAL CONTROLS AND RESTRICT KIDS ACCESS

- Checking the content of all the social media, video games, or messages
- Keep all the social media private and block strangers from sending you requests and messages
- Restrict the phone to call/ text only friends and family
- Limiting what internet content can be accessed to ensure adult websites are not viewable on the device.
- Setting a PIN so the child has no ability to alter the settings of the phone
- Setting up age parameters so your child can only download age-appropriate apps
- Check all the apps after downloading, kids can be sneaky
- Limiting the amount of screen time (this prevents late-night access when the parents are most likely asleep and unable to monitor).
- Requesting weekly usage reports.
- Turning off the device's location services.
- Use Bark App which will notify you of all the explicit content



If a young person is being exploited, they are the victim of a crime and should report it.

Contact your local FBI field office,
CALL 1-800-CALL-FBI,
Or report it online at **TIPS.FBI.GOV.**

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