

## What is it?

- **Sextortion** is a form of blackmail where someone threatens to distribute your private and sensitive material if you don't provide them with images of a sexual nature, sexual favors, or money.
- **Common Platforms:** Social media, dating apps, email, and other online communication tools.



## How It Happens

1. **Initial Contact:** The perpetrator befriends the victim online.
2. **Trust Building:** They gain the victim's trust and may exchange intimate images.
3. **Threats:** The perpetrator threatens to share these images unless demands are met.

## Warning Signs

- **Unsolicited Friend Requests:** Be cautious of unknown contacts.
- **Pressure to Share Personal Information:** Never share intimate images or personal details with someone you haven't met in person.
- **Requests for Money or More Images:** Be wary of anyone asking for money or more images.

## Prevention

- **Privacy Settings:** Adjust privacy settings on social media to limit who can contact you.
- **Verify Contacts:** Only accept friend requests from people you know.
- **Be Skeptical:** If something feels off, trust your instincts.
- **Educate Yourself:** Learn about online safety and share this knowledge with friends and family.