

IT'S NOT A GAME

The FBI has seen a huge increase in the number of cases involving children and teens being threatened and coerced by adults into sending explicit images online—a crime called sextortion.

There are several resources available to help caregivers and young people better understand what sextortion is, how to protect against it, and how to talk about this growing threat.



Setting Up Your Child's Device

- Limit the amount of screen time (this prevents overuse of the device, limits usage to certain times, and prevents late-night access when the parents are most likely asleep and unable to monitor).
- Request weekly usage reports.
- Set up age parameters so your child can only download age-appropriate apps (most apps are rated for age usage, similar to movie ratings).
- Limit what internet content can be accessed to ensure adult websites are not viewable on the device.
- Turn off the device's location services.
- Set a PIN (all of these settings are usually controlled by a PIN set by a parent, so the child has no ability to alter the settings).

Note: In many peer-to-peer games and other applications, there may be an embedded chat feature that allows the user to communicate by voice and/or text with other players. This feature can usually be turned off by the parent under the settings of individual apps, and a PIN can usually be created within an app to prevent the child from changing individual app settings.



If you believe your child may be a victim, or if you know someone who is, please reach out to the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI or report it online at tips.fbi.gov.

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