

**Sextortion** - the practice of extorting money/favors or gaining control by threatening to reveal evidence of ones sexual activity. It is a serious crime that is terrifying, de-humanizing and feeds off shame.

### 1. Tell Someone Close to You

These criminals often rely on manipulative tactics to increase fear and shame. Their hope is that they can continue to control you because you do not want others to see evidence of your sexual activity.

### 2. Stop All Contact With The Offender

The idea of suddenly not responding to the sextortionist might cause you to panic and have racing thoughts: "Who will they tell and when?"

### 3. Don't Delete Anything

Evidence is necessary to measure the severity, length and timeline of the exploitation. Resist the urge to get rid of anything.

### 4. Inform Law Enforcement

Involve the police from the beginning or as soon as possible. Not only does that help to keep you safe, it helps to document the need for legislative reform. Laws are needed to help those dealing with sextortion.

### 5. Find A Lawyer Who Is Familiar With Sextortion

Law enforcement and a lawyer can use your evidence and information to help you understand your rights and navigate the judicial system.

Sextortionists keep control by making you feel you have nowhere to turn. They want you to believe that if you do not obey, your life will be over.

**DO NOT LISTEN!**