

# SAFE COMMUNITY SERIES

## HIGHLIGHTS



### NAVIGATING ONLINE RISKS: YOUTH SAFETY AND SEXTORTION

#### HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED (February 26, 2026)

**If your child has been sexploited, have a conversation.** Let them know that you are there to help and remind them that it is not their fault. Work together to develop an online safety plan.

- Sextortion happens when someone threatens to expose sexual images or videos of a person to obtain more images, money, or other favours. Sextortion often involves deep fake nudes, which are artificially generated or photoshopped images of someone.
- While anyone can be targeted for sextortion, youth are more vulnerable because they tend to have larger online networks and may be more trusting of digital interactions.

**Do not comply with the threats:** Sending a single image or payment will not stop the perpetrator from asking for more. Instead, encourage youth to tell a trusted adult about the incident, take screenshots of the messages and profiles, and report to [Cybertip.ca](https://www.cybertip.ca) and the RCMP.

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