

RESOURCE GUIDE

ONLINE SAFETY, GROOMING & SEXTORTION



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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for using this resource on online safety, grooming, and sextortion. Eyes Up Appalachia, with funding from the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio, hosted a series of stakeholder meetings throughout Appalachian Ohio to determine how best to prevent human trafficking in the region. One of the themes that emerged was social media and technology. There are many things short of human trafficking that make someone more vulnerable to it, in this instance, sexting, online grooming, and sextortion. These resources are provided to better equip you or someone in your care to prevent sexual exploitation. There are also resources you can access if you have shared images or have been exploited and need help.

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RESOURCES FOR CAREGIVERS

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Resource	Description
<u>Kids, Puberty, & Tech</u> from Thorn	Quick overview of how kids grow and develop, and how that relates to the online world. Includes short pieces of advice on what topics to cover and things to expect.
<u>Sextortion Prevention & Response</u> from Thorn	Discussion guide to help caregivers facilitate family discussion on sextortion.
<u>Parent Guide to Preventing Child Trafficking</u> from Love146	Thorough yet concise guide about what trafficking is, what grooming looks like, and dispelling myths about trafficking. Includes case study examples and resources at the end.
<u>Lean on Me</u> from RAINN	Video on safeguarding children from online grooming.
<u>How We Can Help You</u> from the FBI	Variety of resources for families on sextortion.

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Resource	Description
<u>Love & Trafficking from Polaris Project</u>	Survivor stories and social media resources to educate about grooming, exploitation, and control.
<u>Sextortion: What Parents Should Know from NCMEC</u>	Information for caregivers on sextortion.
<u>Online Safety Issues from Internet Matters</u>	List of different safety issues with information on what they are, what to look out for, and how to address them.
<u>Digital Family Agreement from Internet Matters</u>	Template for discussing and creating online expectations in a family unit.
<u>Parental Controls from Internet Matters</u>	Information on parental controls, searchable by device, search engine, wifi provider, social media platform, or gaming console. Includes a checklist for setting up devices with parental controls.
<u>Online Grooming: What Parents Need to Know from Internet Matters</u>	Explains what online grooming is, and provides conversation topics, warning signs, etc.

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ALL AGES

Resource	Description
<u>NetSmartz</u> from NCMEC	Videos, PDFs, and online games on internet safety.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Resource	Description
<u>It's Ok to Tell</u> from NetSmartz	Video explaining that children should tell a trusted adult about online activity that makes them feel scared or uncomfortable.
<u>Safe Online Surfing Program</u> from the FBI	Online game focusing on internet safety.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Resource	Description
<u>Stop Sextortion</u> from Thorn	Online resources on preventing sextortion and where to go for help.
<u>Real Friends Don't</u> from McCain Institute	Online resources for youth on grooming and internet safety.

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Resource	Description
<u>Welcome to the Internet</u> from Love 146	Online resources for youth on internet safety.
<u>You Sent a Sext. Now What?</u> from NCMEC	Handout for youth who have engaged in sexting.
<u>So You Got Naked Online</u> from Internet Matters	Online module, also available via audio or PDF (friendly for those on Autism spectrum).
<u>Stop Sextortion</u> from Blue Seat Studios	Video explaining what sextortion is, how to prevent it, and how to ask for help.
<u>Ohio Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention</u>	List of resources and where to seek help.
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<u>Love & Trafficking</u> from Polaris Project	Survivor stories and social media resources to educate about grooming, exploitation, and control.

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<u>Sextortion Research & Insights</u> from Thorn	General information on sextortion.
<u>The Growing Threat of Sextortion</u> from Thorn	Blog post with statistics and additional information on sextortion.
<u>Survivor Survey</u> from Thorn	2017 study of 2,097 survivors of sextortion.
<u>Victim of Sextortion Speaks Out</u> from the FBI	Short video of survivor telling her story.

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WHERE TO REPORT

Contact Information	Agency
Report <u>Sextortion</u> or <u>Internet Crimes</u> 1-800-CALL-FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
<u>Take It Down</u> : Help Removing Nude/Sexual Photos of Minors <u>Cyber Tipline</u> : Report Online Sexual Exploitation of Children Call 1-800-THE-LOST	National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
Call 888-373-7888 Text 233733 (BeFree) <u>Chat Online</u>	Human Trafficking Hotline
Call 911 for Emergencies <u>Ohio Law Enforcement Directory</u>	Local Law Enforcement

RESOURCES FOR SURVIVORS

Organization	Highlighted Resources
<u>Team HOPE</u> facilitated by NCMEC	Trained peer support volunteers assigned based on similar lived experiences. Also includes other educational resources.
<u>Thorn</u>	Educational resources and resources on where to find help (scroll to end of page).

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Kids, Puberty & Tech from Thorn: <https://parents.thorn.org/situation/>

Sextortion Prevention & Response from Thorn:
<https://parents.thorn.org/guides/sexortion/>

Parent Guide to Preventing Child Trafficking from Love146:
<https://love146.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Caregiver-Guide.pdf>

Lean on Me from RAINN: <https://www.rainn.org/lean-on-me>

How We Can Help You from the FBI: <https://www.fbi.gov/how-we-can-help-you/scams-and-safety/common-scams-and-crimes/sexortion>

Love & Trafficking from Polaris Project: <https://polarisproject.org/love-and-trafficking/>

Sextortion: What Parents Should Know from NCMEC:
<https://www.missingkids.org/content/dam/netSMARTZ/downloadable/tipsheets/sexortion-what-parents-should-know.pdf>

Online Safety Issues from Internet Matters:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/>

Digital Family Agreement from Internet Matters:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/digital-family-agreement-template/>

Parental Controls from Internet Matters: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

Online Grooming: What Parents Need to Know from Internet Matters:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-grooming-guide-what-parents-need-to-know/>

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Netsmartz from NCMEC: <https://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/resources>

It's Ok to Tell from NetSmartz: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZMFrVv8dUnM>

Safe Online Surfing Program from the FBI: <https://sos.fbi.gov/en/>

Stop Sextortion from Thorn: <https://www.stopsextortion.com/#cmr--know>

Real Friends Don't from McCain Institute: <https://realfriendsdont.org/teens/>

Welcome to the Internet from Love146: <https://love146.org/online-safety/>

You Sent a Sext. Now What? from NCMEC:
https://www.missingkids.org/content/dam/netsmartz/downloadable/tipsheets/You_Sent_A_Sext_Now_What.pdf

So You Got Naked Online from Internet Matters:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/inclusive-digital-safety/so-you-got-naked-online-guide-for-young-people/>

Stop Sextortion from Blue Seat Studios: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9yQ3fdttbUk>

Ohio Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention:
<https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/publications/sextortion-victim-resource-sheet.pdf>

Love & Trafficking from Polaris Project: [Love & Trafficking from Polaris Project](#)

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The Growing Threat of Sextortion from Thorn: <https://www.thorn.org/blog/the-growing-threat-of-sextortion/>

Survivor Survey from Thorn: https://www.thorn.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Sextortion_Wave2Report_121919.pdf

Victim of Sextortion Speaks Out from the FBI: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixAYkkub4Pw&t=157s>

WHERE TO REPORT

Report Sextortion to the FBI: <https://tips.fbi.gov/home>

Report Internet Crimes to the FBI: <https://www.ic3.gov>

NCMEC Take it Down: <https://takeitdown.ncmec.org>

NCMEC Cyber Tipline: <https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/cybertipline>

Human Trafficking Hotline: <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/en/chat>

Ohio Law Enforcement Directory: <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/law-enforcement/law-enforcement-directory>

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NCMEC Team Hope: <https://www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/support/teamhope>

Thorn: <https://www.thorn.org/sextortion/>