

GROOMING

Preparatory process in which a predator gradually gains a person's trust with the intent to exploit them.

-  **Target the Victim**
-  **Gain Access / Victim's Trust**
-  **Play a Role in the Victim's Life**
-  **Isolate the Victim**
-  **Create a Secret Relationship**
-  **Initiate Sexual Contact**
-  **Control¹**

¹ Michelle Denault and Angela Rose. Presented by PAVE, Promoting Awareness Victim Empowerment, <https://vimeo.com/686891209>.

RECRUITMENT

A trafficker can create a dependency between them and a victim. Recruiting can happen anywhere a trafficker has access to a victim.



Online



Friends



Intimate Partners



Family Members
Trusted Adults



Social Media



Video Games



Apps



Neighborhoods



Schools



Job Listings



Shelters



Malls / Local Hangouts

RED FLAGS

- Displays sudden changes in their academics, behavior, or appearance
- Displays sudden change in behavior around trusted adults
- Acquires new and oftentimes older friends
- Owns new items that they would not be able to afford or you did not buy for them (i.e., cell phones, new clothes, beauty products, toys, or digital items such as avatar skins for online gaming)
- Stops engaging in activities they previously enjoyed

PARENTS

Safety Plan: Create a Safety Plan and talk to your children or teen about a safe route and ways to avoid danger, including places to go if they feel uncomfortable, key people, and safety words to ask for help. Additionally, have your child share their location with you on their cell. One way to practice safety plans with children is based on “what if?” questions or scenarios.²

² A21, “Parent Guide for Kids,” 2022, accessed April 10, 2023, <https://neutrinoimage.s3-ap-southeast-1.amazonaws.com/a21/userimages/USA-Parent-Guide-Kids.pdf>.

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE



Phone: 1-888-373-7888



TTY: 711

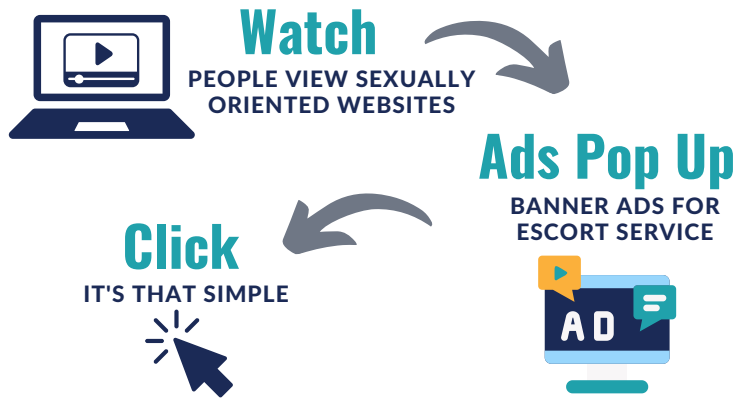


Text: 233733



Chat: humantraffickinghotline.org
Can be completely anonymous

PORNOGRAPHY & SEXTORTION



No Way of Knowing

THERE IS NO WAY OF KNOWING WHETHER THE PERSON ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SCREEN IS A WILLING PARTICIPANT, IN MOST CASES THEY ARE NOT.

-  **Be Wary**
-  **Be Aware**
-  **Be Suspicious**
-  **Be In the Know**
-  **Be Willing to Ask for Help**

A predator may be able to figure out a lot about you from what you share online. Be wary of anyone you encounter for the first time. Block or ignore messages from strangers.

People can pretend to be anything or anyone online. Videos and photos may not be of the person that they claim to be. Images can be altered or stolen.

If you meet someone on a game or app, be suspicious if they ask you to start talking to them on a different platform.

Any content you create online - whether it is a text message, photo, or video - can be made public. Once you share something, you do not have any control over where it goes next.

If you are receiving online messages or requests that do not seem right; block the sender, report the behavior to the site administrator, and tell a trusted adult. ¹

RESOURCES

How to Report?

To report suspected sextortion, call the nearest FBI field office at the number listed below. To make a tip about any material seen online, report to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), listed below.

FBI and Local Law Enforcement

1-800-CALL-FBI

Tips.FBI.gov

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

1-800-THE-LOST

CyberTipline.org



Scan for A21 Parents Guide for Kids (ages 6-12)

[Click Here](#)



Scan for A21 Parents Guide for Teens (ages 13-17)

[Click Here](#)

If You See Something, Say Something

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¹ FBI, "Youth Should Be On Guard Online," September 3, 2019, accessed September 27, 2022, <https://www.fbi.gov/news/stories/stop-sextortion-youth-face-risk-online-090319>.