



Middle School Engagement- Grade 6

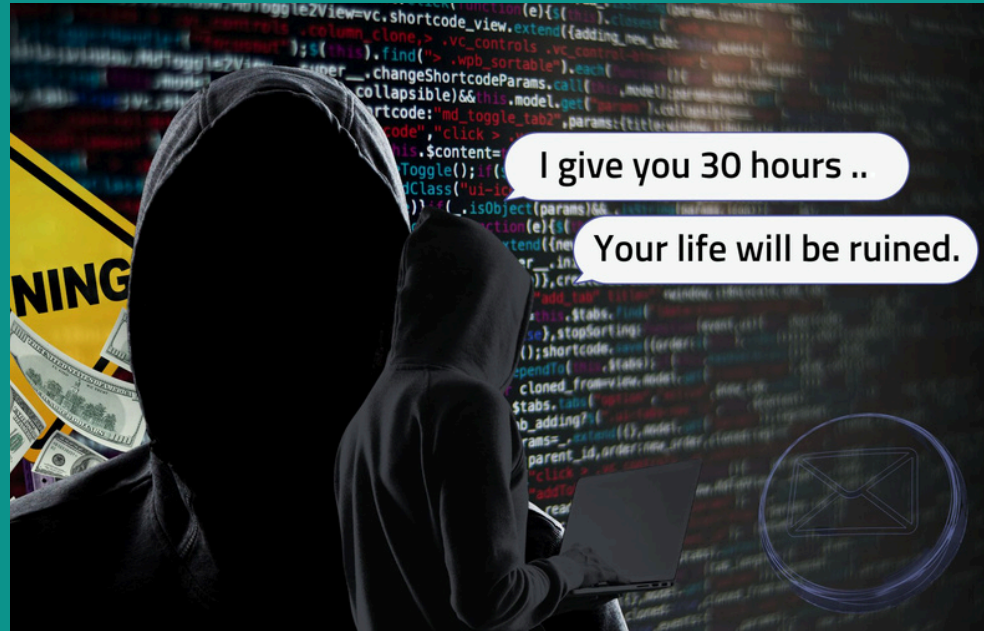
Sextortion & Understanding Offender Tactics

PREVENTION THROUGH EDUCATION IS THE SOLUTION

Connect for Freedom is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit committed to providing free **online safety** and **human trafficking awareness** materials to education stakeholders.



Lesson



Sextortion & Understanding Offender Tactics

Lesson Outline

1. Introduction to Sextortion
2. DHS “Carter’s Story Pt. 1 & 2” Video (4.4 min.)
3. Sextortion Tactics
4. Auroris Media “Sextortion Module 1” Video (6 min.)
 - Discussion Question
5. Protect Yourself
 - Risks of Revealing Images
 - How to Protect Yourself
 - NCMEC “Take It Down”
6. NCMEC Handout: If Sextortion is Happening to You
7. Activity

What is Sextortion?

Sextortion is a form of child sexual exploitation where minors are **threatened or blackmailed**, most often with the possibility of sharing with the public a nude or sexual image of them, by a person who demands additional sexual content, sexual activity or money from them.



Where are Online Predators Reaching Victims?



Social media platforms

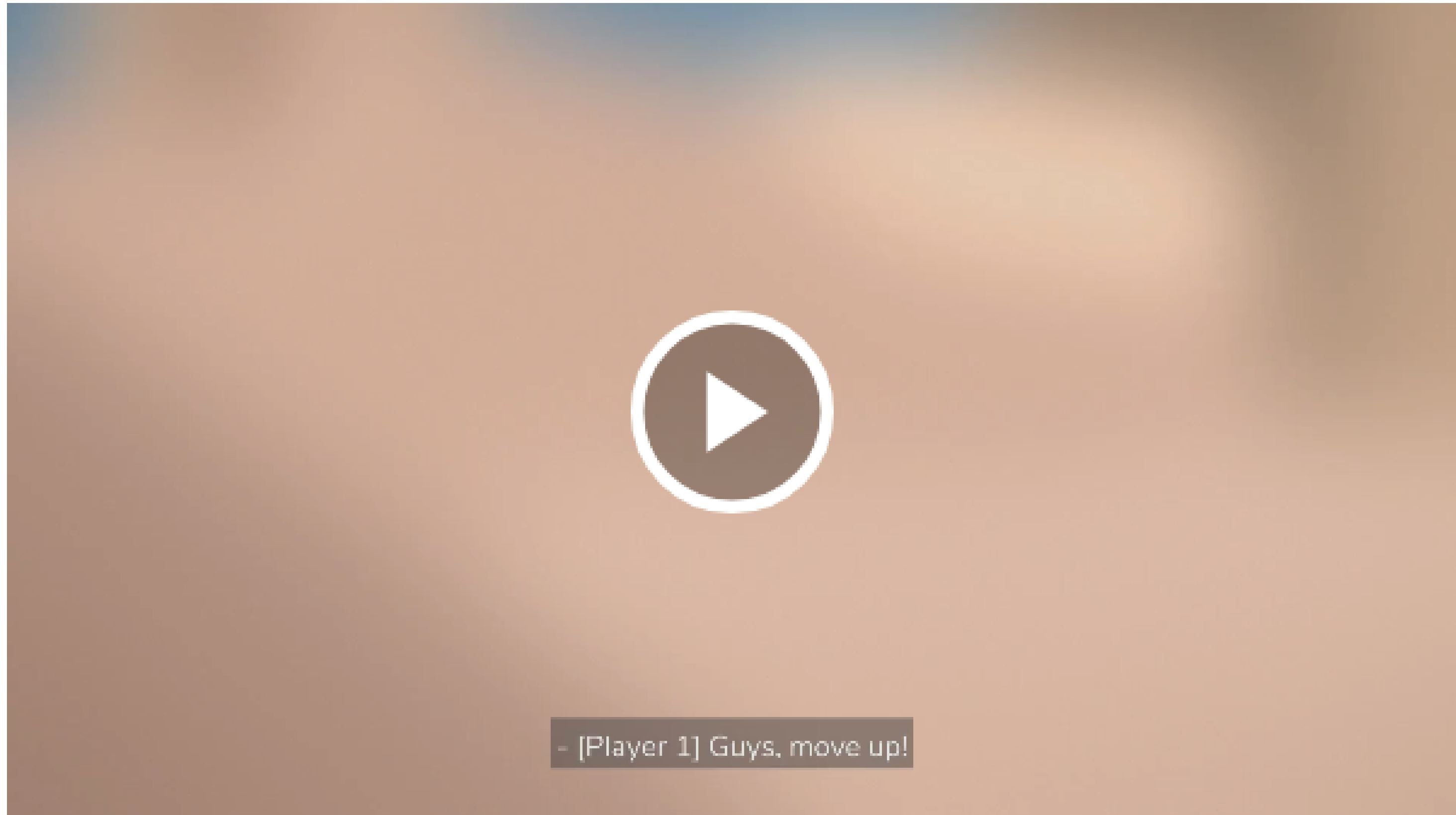
Game apps

Anonymous chat apps

Dating apps



Department of Homeland Security's "Carter's Story Pt. 1" Video



Duration: 2:20 minutes

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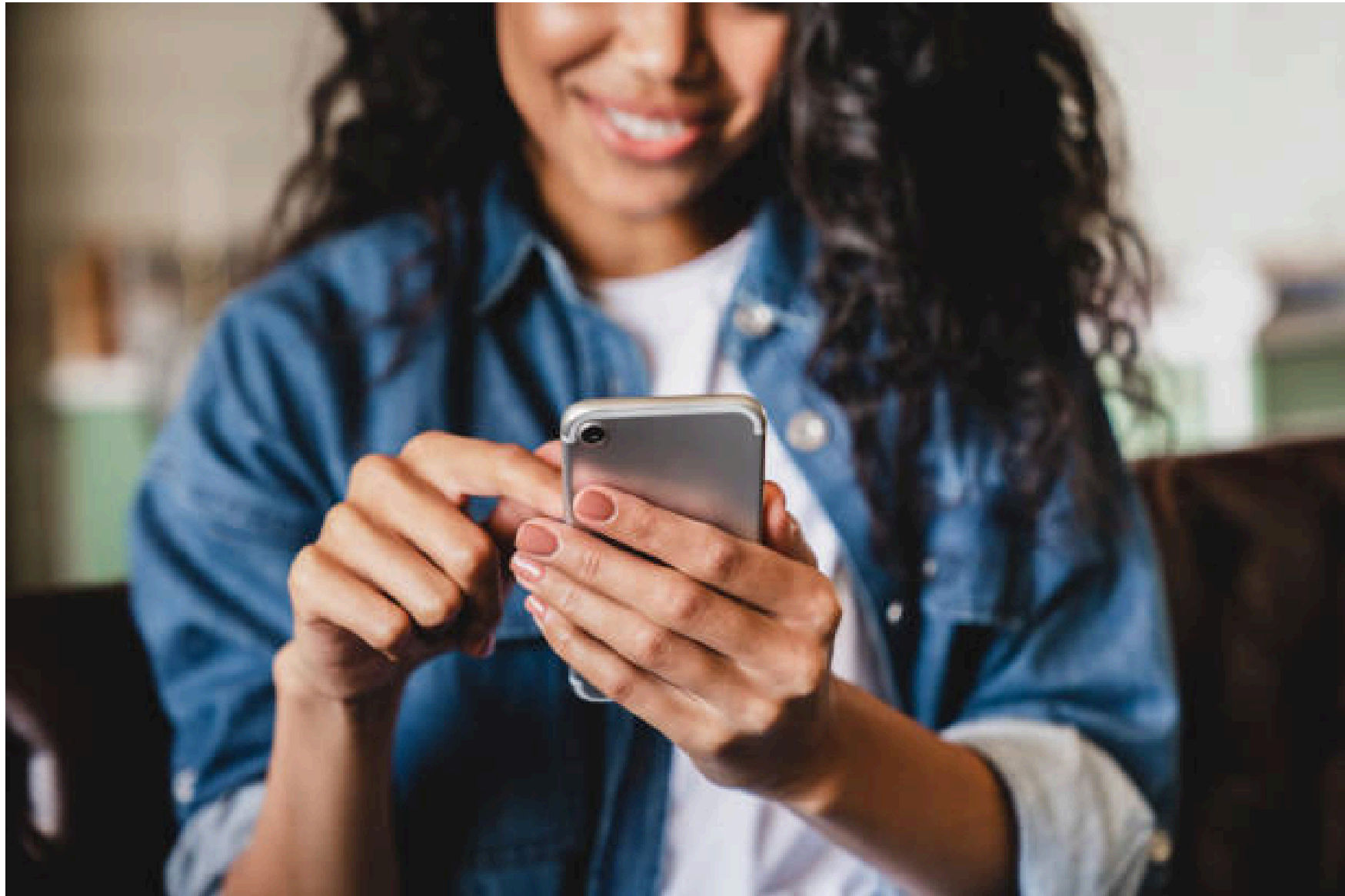
Department of Homeland Security's "Carter's Story Pt. 2" Video



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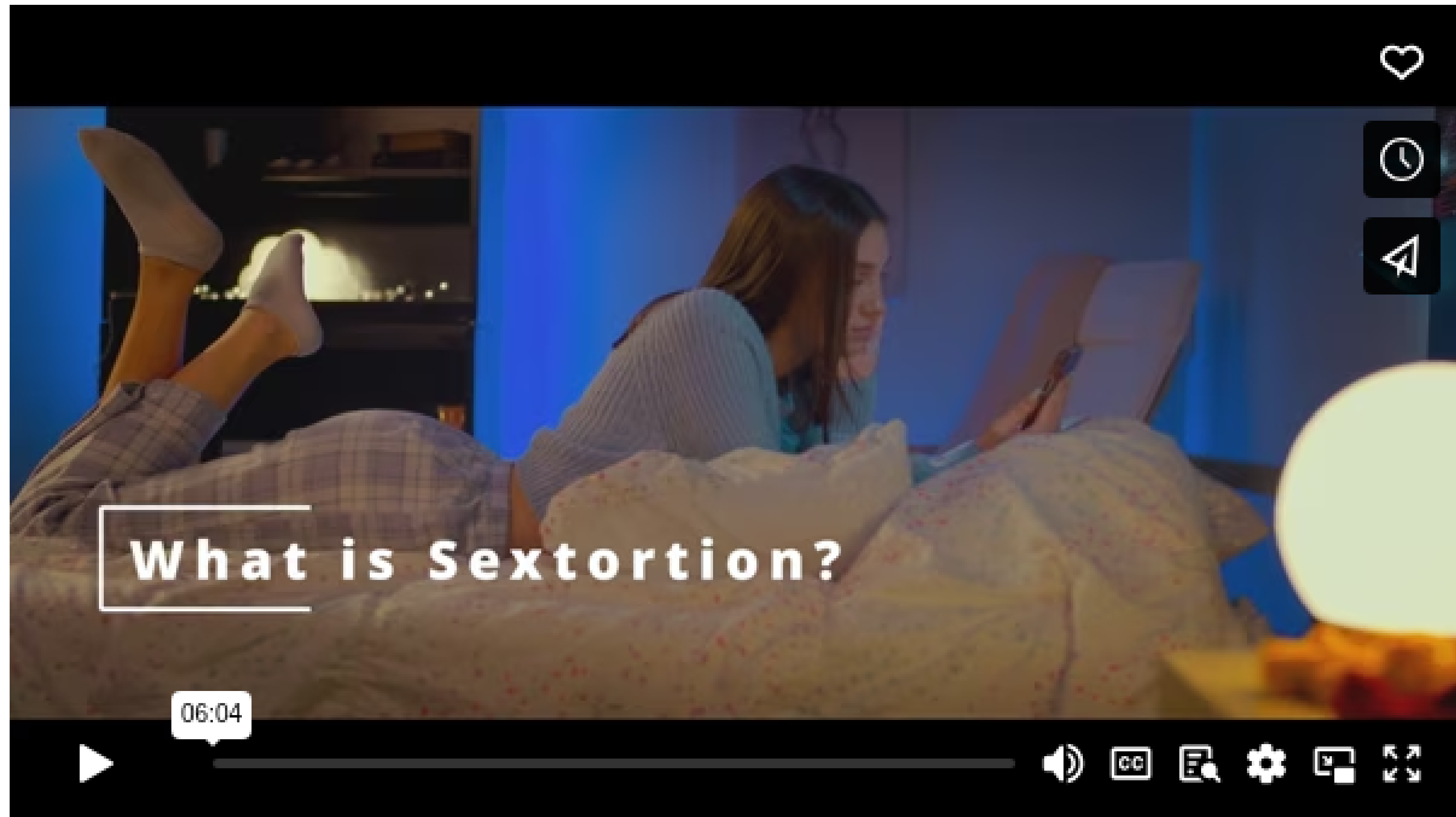
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Sextortion Tactics



- **Reciprocation (“I’ll show you if you show me first.”)**
- **Pretending to work for a modeling agency to obtain sexual images of a minor**
- **Developing a bond with a minor by establishing a friendship or romantic relationship**
- **Using false online identities to contact a minor**
- **Pretending to be younger than their real age and/or a member of the opposite sex**
- **Accessing a minor’s online account without authorization and stealing sexual images or videos of them**
- **Threatening to create sexual images or videos of a minor using digital-editing tools**

Auroris Media “Sextortion Module 1” Video



Duration: 6:04 minutes

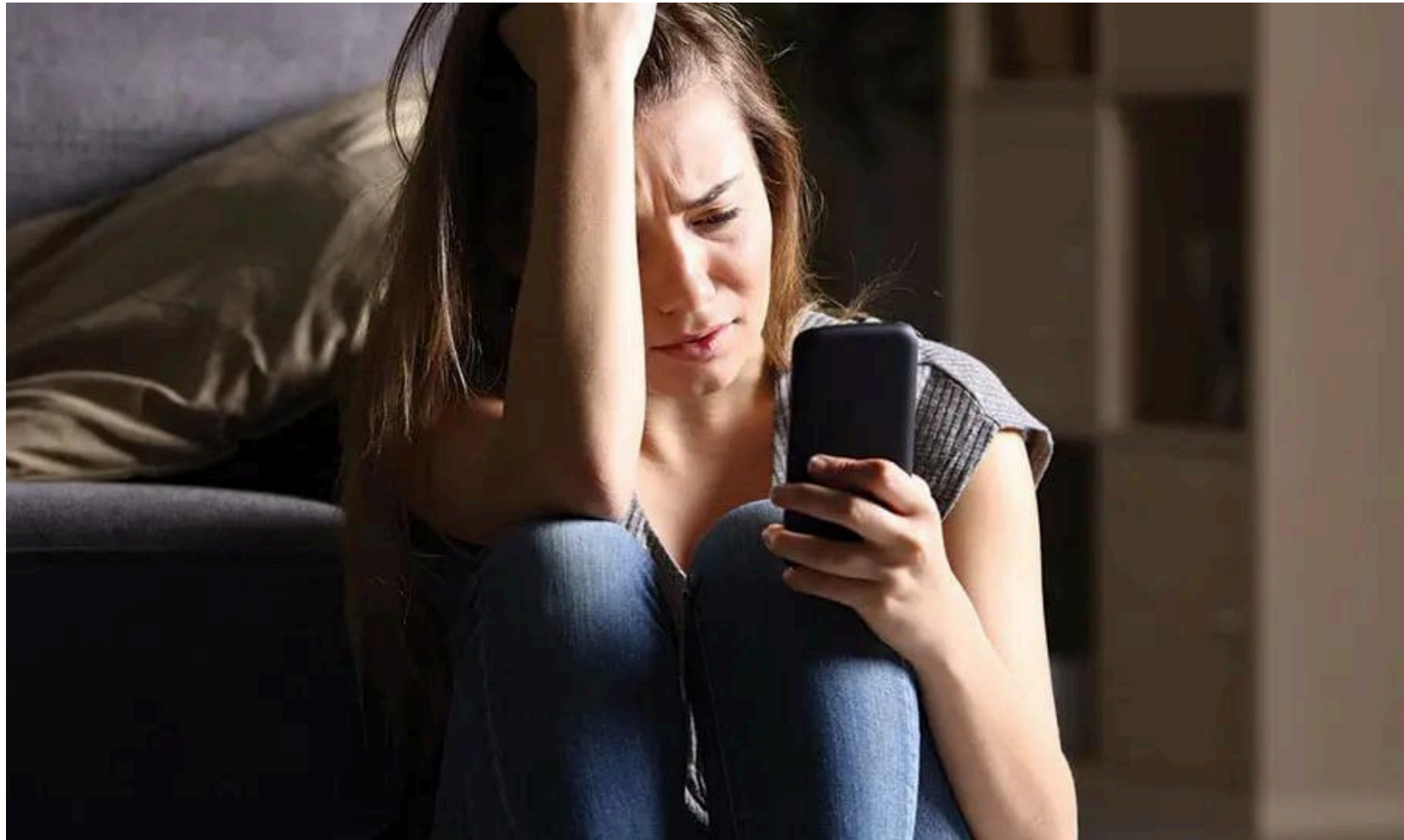
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Auroris Media “Sextortion Module 1” Teacher Led Discussion Question

*Do you think it is normal or common for people your age
to communicate with strangers on social media?
Why or why not?*

Risks of Revealing Images

If you send a revealing image of yourself, there is no way to take it back. The image could end up:



Being sent to others without your permission.

On social media or other inappropriate websites.

Getting you in trouble with your parents, school, job, or future job opportunities.

Being used to embarrass and bully you.

Being used to blackmail you.

Take Action to Protect Yourself



Don't take images of yourself that you wouldn't want everyone to see.

Don't forward anyone else's image.

Confide in a trusted adult.

Do not comply with sextortion demands or meet them offline.

Block anyone who tries to blackmail you.

Report any inappropriate behavior to the website/app and to the CyberTipline.

NCMEC “Take It Down”

What is it?

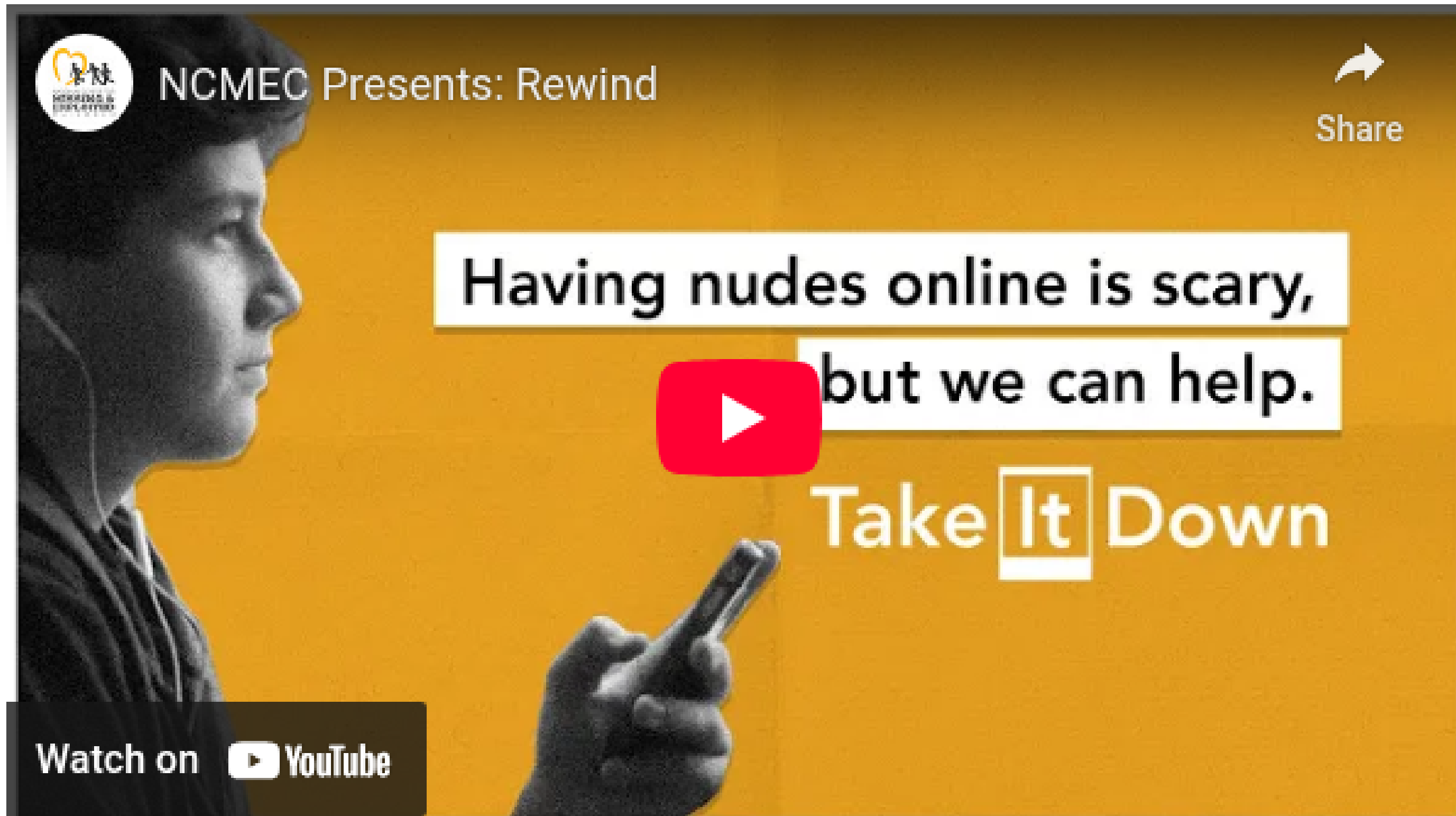


A free service that can help you remove or stop the online sharing of nude, partially nude, or sexually explicit images or videos taken of you when you were under 18 years old.

You can remain anonymous while using the service and you won't have to send your images or videos to anyone.

It will work on public or unencrypted online platforms that have agreed to participate.

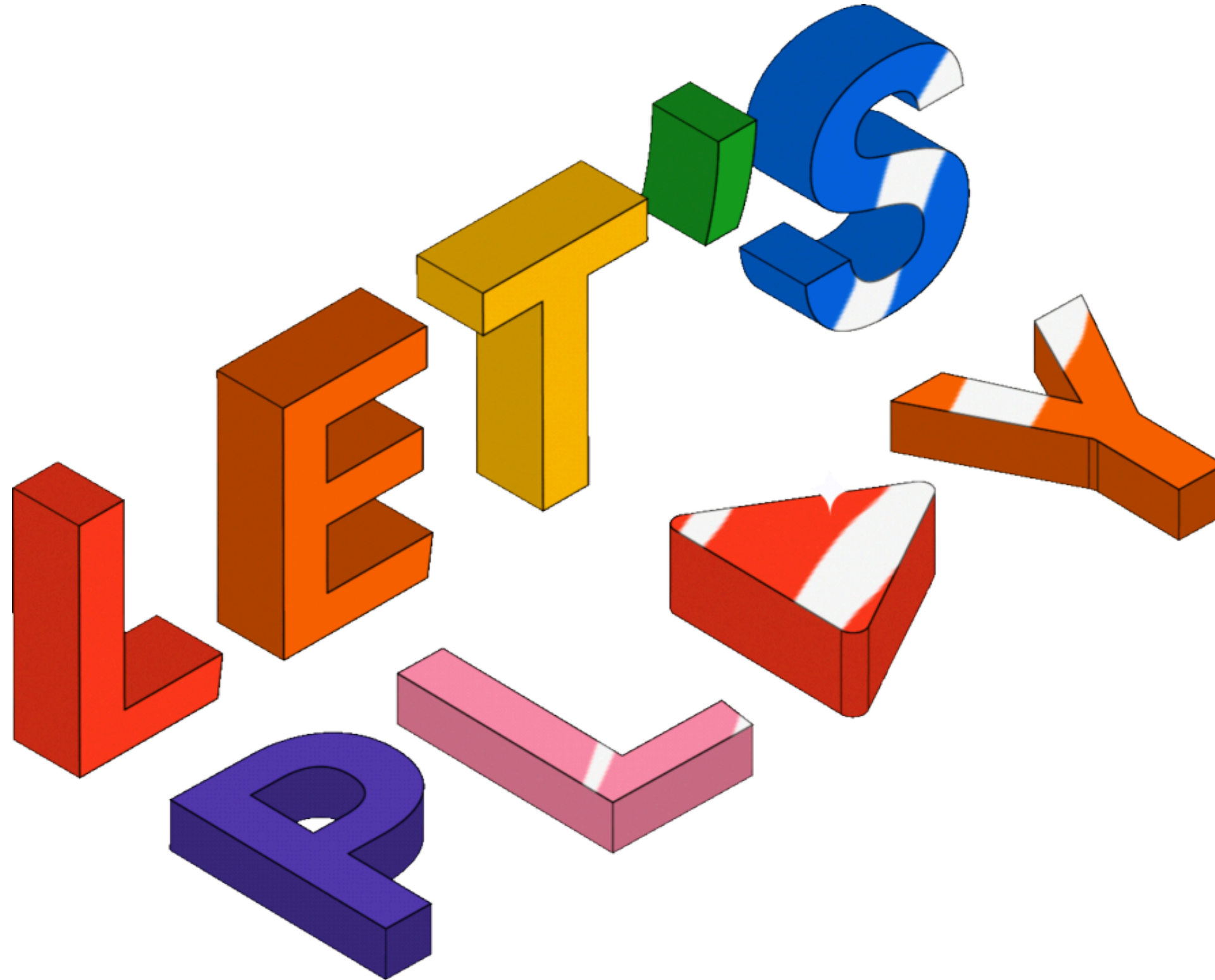
NCMEC “Take It Down” Video



Duration: 0:30 minutes

Source: <https://takeitdown.ncmec.org>

Activity



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We recommend playing
Connect for Freedom Online Safety Kahoot!

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END

Lesson Handout from NCMEC



I'm being **BLACKMAILED** online over nude images of me!
WHAT DO I DO?

If sextortion is happening to you...

Know that you are not alone.

Unfortunately, this happens to many teenagers. It's called **Sextortion**. It is a crime and it is not your fault.

Reach out to an adult you trust for support.

Talking about what is happening might be difficult, but there is hope.

Let us help you.

Paying money rarely stops the blackmailer but reporting it can and we can help get images of you down. Report it at CyberTipline.org.

It's called Sextortion.

 gethelp@ncmec.org  1-800-843-5678  NCMEC.org/sextortion

Links to Lesson Materials

DHS “Carter’s Story Pt 1” Video

DHS Carter’s “Story Pt 2” Video

Auroris Media “Sextortion Module 1” Video

NCMEC “Sextortion” Handout

Connect for Freedom Online Safety Kahoot!

Recap of Lesson

Sextortion is a form of child sexual exploitation where minors are threatened or blackmailed by a person who demands additional sexual content, sexual activity, or money from them.

Sextortion Tactics:

- Pretending to work for a modeling agency.
- Developing a bond with a minor by establishing a friendship or romantic relationship.
- Using multiple false online identities, pretending to be younger than their real age and/or of the opposite sex.
- Threatening to create sexual images or videos of a minor using digital editing tools.

If you feel like someone is trying to exploit you online:

- Don't engage with them.
- Block them.
- Don't meet them offline.
- Tell a trusted adult, and/or report to the website/app and CyberTipline.