

# 9 TIPS TO PREVENT ONLINE SEXTORTION

1. Remember that anyone can pretend to be someone else online.
2. Do not open attachments from anyone that you do not know.
3. Be aware that anything done online may be available to others. Do not send images of yourself that you want to remain private to anyone, no matter who they are—or say they are.
4. Keep your computer safe from hackers by:
  - Keeping your computer's firewall turned on.
  - Installing and updating antivirus software and antispymware technology.
  - Keeping your computer's operating system up to date.
5. Turn off your electronic devices and web cameras when you are not using them to minimize a hacker's ability to activate them remotely.
6. Ensure applications and social networking sites' privacy settings are set to the strictest levels.
7. Parents should review and approve all applications downloaded to electronic devices and regularly monitor content of all applications and social networking platforms used by their children.
8. Parents should keep computers used by children in a central location in the home and utilize parental controls. Parents should be present and engaged when children communicate via webcam.
9. Parents and educators should discuss Internet safety with their children. Parents should reinforce to their children that they should tell an adult if anyone threatens them or asks them for sexual acts or sexually explicit images.

For more information on how to keep you and your loved ones safe from sextortion, visit [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov) or [www.missingkids.org](http://www.missingkids.org).

To download Legal Momentum's report on sextortion, go to [www.legalmomentum.org/sextortion-report](http://www.legalmomentum.org/sextortion-report).

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