

# Victims of Cyber Extortion: How to Handle Them

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- Victims can be individuals or organizations who face threats of having their sensitive information exposed online, whether it's photos, messages, or personal data.

**This includes psychological pressure, coercion, or manipulation of trust and emotions to force the victim to comply with the extorter's demands.**



- All internet users are at risk of cyber extortion, with women and adolescents being particularly vulnerable.

**(Adolescents are more exposed due to limited digital experience and a lack of awareness about the risks of sharing content.)**

## How to Handle Victims of Cyber Extortion?



- Provide psychological support:** Help the victim regain confidence, feel safe, and ensure they do not blame themselves.



- Listen and respond calmly:** Approach the situation with patience and wisdom, avoiding rushed decisions that may increase pressure.



- Guide evidence collection:** Assist them in preserving necessary proof, such as messages or images, and report the crime to the appropriate authorities.

## Preventive measures



- Secure online accounts:** Use strong passwords and enable all available security features.



- Avoid sharing sensitive information:** Do not share personal or private data online, especially with untrusted individuals.



- Increase awareness:** Educate about digital fraud and extortion methods, and learn to identify suspicious attempts early.