



June is Internet Safety Month

Sextortion is an [online exploitation crime](#) directed towards children, in which coercion or blackmail is used to acquire sexual content, engage in sex, or obtain money.

Since the spring of 2022, there has been a significant increase in cases of Financial Sextortion, where offenders obtain explicit content from a victim and demand money or gift cards to prevent the content from being shared with the victim's family, friends, and peers. This crime of extortion, frequently perpetrated by organized crime groups in Nigeria or the Ivory Coast, targets young males through various social media using fake female profiles. The commonality of sexting among youth is greatly increasing the danger of falling prey to this crime and these organized crime groups. Victims of this crime are desperate to stop the offender from sharing their content, some paying large amounts of money, and yet the offender will continue to ask for more. Sadly, some became so desperate that they saw no way out of this situation and committed suicide.

We invite you to look at the Sextortion resources in this issue to learn more.



Protect Our Youth Online: A Virtual Event to Start the Conversation

In 2022, we conducted a virtual event where we brought information and resources to parents, educators, child-serving professionals and ICAC Task Force members to help everyone #Start-TheConversation about technology safety. During the three sessions, we heard from technology safety experts from around the world who offered tips and resources to help inform and protect children of all ages. These presentations were recorded and are available to view:

[Multi-Level Approach to Preventing Child Exploitation](#)

[Self-Generated Content and Sextortion Awareness and Prevention](#)

[U.S. and International Technology Safety Expert Panel Discussion](#)

This training was made possible through funding by OJJDP, OJP, U.S. Department of Justice under Grant #2020-MC-FX-K002.



Upcoming Technology Related Training

[Criminal Connections: Child Exploitation Material and Child Sexual Abuse](#)

August 28 - 29 | Rockledge, FL
November 13 - 14 | Battle Creek, MI
April 15 - 16, 2024 | Hermantown, MN

[Casting the Digital Footprint](#)

August 28 - 29 | St. Paul, MN
November 6 - 7 | Ambridge, PA

[Mobile Device Investigations](#)

December 4 - 6 | Carlsbad, CA
March 11 - 13, 2024 | Lebanon, OH
June 10 - 12, 2024 | Lewisburg, WV

[Protecting Children in a Digital Age](#)

December 12 | Live Online

[National Internet of Things \(IoT\)](#)

[Investigative Conference](#)
January 16- 18, 2024 | Las Vegas, NV

View all technology related training [HERE](#)

Interested in learning about upcoming training opportunities and our 2024 conferences?



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Keeping Children Safe on the Internet



During the National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation Conference, we interviewed 17 Subject Matter Experts, from the United States and Australia. Hear from these experts and the tips for how to keep children safer on the Internet. These tips, ranging from Financial Sextortion to Cyberbullying, include the importance of having repeated conversations between parents, caregivers, and others with youth about their online activities.

Please share this ICAC Task Force resource developed by NCJTC with those who strive for a safer Internet for our youth.

[Watch Video](#)

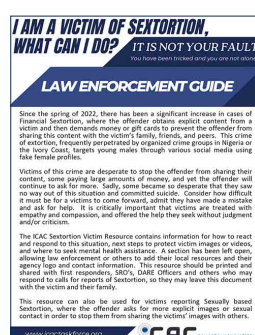
At OJJDP's 2023 National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation, an NCJTC supported event, NCJTC Program Manager Joe Laramie moderated an opening session panel discussion "A Multi-Faceted View to Protecting Children Online", featuring two mothers who lost a child to online predators, a pediatrician and an ICAC Commander.

[Watch the Session](#)

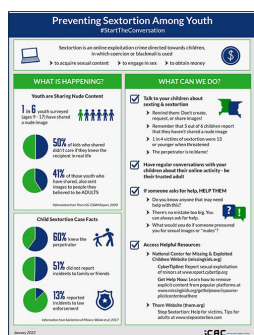
Free Resources for Internet Safety



[I am a victim of sextortion, what can I do?](#)



[Victim of Sextortion - Law Enforcement Guide](#)



[Preventing Sextortion among Youth Infographic](#)



More useful resources are available at ICACTaskForce.org/Resources and icactaskforce.org/internetsafety

Recorded Webinars and Videos

[Online Protections for Children and Families When Social Distancing](#)

[Prevention: Preparing for Parent and Community Events](#)

Exclusive Content Series: Sexual Violence in Cyberspace: From Abuse Images to Revenge Porn [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#)



[3 Questions for Parents to Ask Their Kids About Their Tech Use](#)

[3 Things to Consider When Responding to Sextortion of Minors](#)

[Technology Device Rules in the Home](#)

NCJTC in the News



Six Minnesota Tribes Receive Technology Toolkits at Regional Law Enforcement Event

The AMBER Alert in Indian Country (AIIC) team recently provided Technology Toolkits to six Tribal nations in Minnesota during a quarterly meeting with leaders from state Tribal law enforcement as well as the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) and Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS). Besides the six Tribes present at the meeting, five additional Minnesota Tribes have also received the Toolkits. Toolkit [distribution](#) is administered by the AIIC—an initiative of the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program (AATTAP)—and funded by the U.S. Department of Justice and the [Ashlyne Mike AMBER Alert in Indian Country Act](#) of 2018.



Newest CART Team Certified in Texas



The Northeast Texas Child Abduction Response Team recently became the third CART in the state, and 33rd in the nation, to earn federal certification with help from the AMBER Alert Training and Technical Assistance Program (AATTAP). "The Northeast Texas team was determined to become certified, and over the past year worked really hard to make it happen," said AATTAP CART Certification Manager Yesenia "Jesi" Leon Baron, who attended the June 1, 2023, ceremony in Rockwall with fellow AATTAP CART Training Coordinator Derek VanLuchene and AATTAP Administrator Janell Rasmussen.

Read more about the CART's accomplishment [HERE](#)