

Keeping Safe

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Safeguarding means...

Providing help and support to meet the needs of children as **soon as problems emerge**

Protecting children from maltreatment within or outside the home, including online

Making sure children receive **safe and effective care**

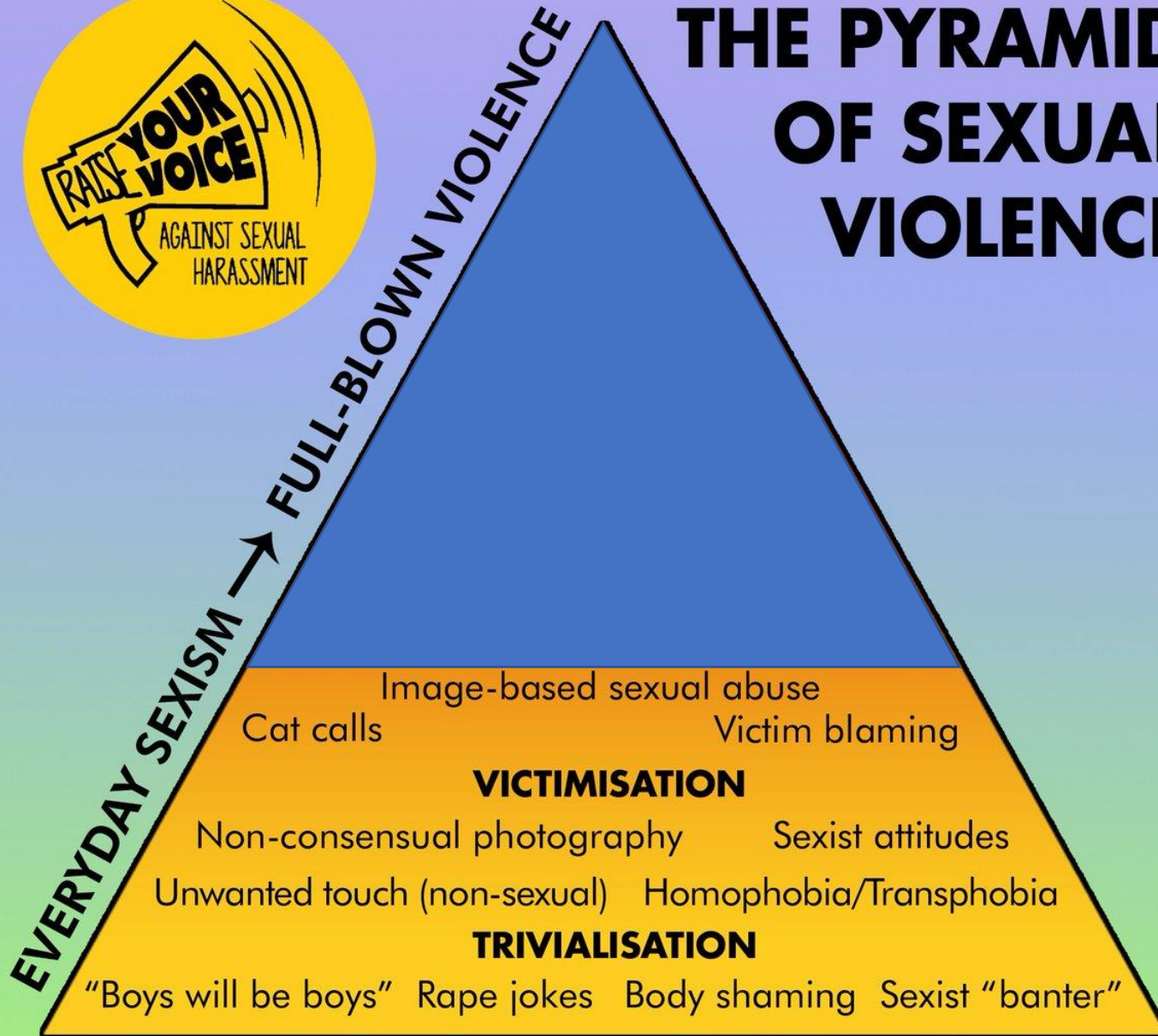
Preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development

Taking action to enable all children to have the **best outcomes**





THE PYRAMID OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE



Sextortion

Keeping safe online



A cartoon illustration depicting a scene of digital blackmail. In the foreground, a man with dark skin and black hair, wearing a grey shirt and a red scarf, looks shocked with wide eyes and an open mouth. He is holding a black smartphone. In the background, a woman with purple hair is seen from behind, typing on a laptop. The laptop screen displays a chat window with a green header and two green message bubbles. A green speech bubble points from the text to the man. The scene is set in a room with a wooden desk, a green bottle, and a blue wall.

**SEND IT
...OR ELSE.**

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Speak to a trusted Adult



- **Do not** pay the perpetrator - even if you are tempted, as there is no guarantee that this will stop the threats
- **Stop all communication** with the perpetrator and block them on all platforms to prevent further manipulation or harassment
- **Avoid deleting anything** that could be used as evidence such as messages, images, telephone numbers, and bank account details
- **Report** to the police or Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP): call 101 or 999 if there is an immediate risk of harm.

In 2023/24 Childline provided over 900 counselling sessions to children on sextortion - the blackmail and threats children receive to share sexual images online.

At the same time, the NSPCC Helpline handled over 150 contacts from adults concerned about child sextortion.

In the last year, where gender was known, more than 68% of sessions about sextortion were with boys, compared to 31% for girls. However, police data shows over 80% of online grooming offences are against girls.

While some sextortion cases were financial, girls typically spoke about being pressured into sending more nude or semi-nude images when threatened with having other images shared.



Teenage boys targeted as hotline sees 'heartbreaking' increase in child 'sextortion' reports



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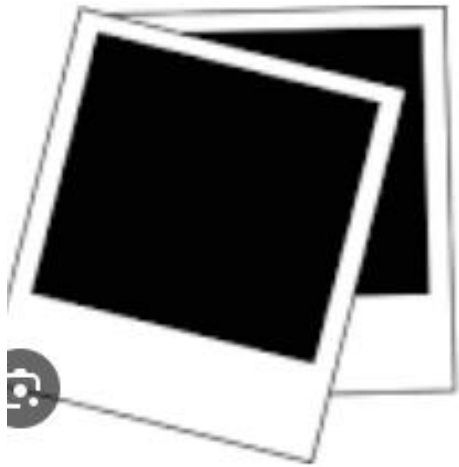


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