

SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE

If you've experienced extortion, you might be feeling frightened, overwhelmed, or unsure what to do. You don't have to face this situation alone. **Support is available.**

Victim Service workers have specialized training to help those impacted by crime, victimization, and trauma. Services include:

- Crisis response and safety planning
- Information regarding the police investigative process
- Practical assistance completing Crime Victim Assistance Program applications and other related forms
- Information about the criminal justice system, and support through the court process
- Referrals to other community resources

VictimLink BC is a free, confidential service for people affected by crime across B.C. They can connect you with a trained victim service worker in your community and offer 24/7 assistance in many language.

For help, call or text: [1-800-563-0808](tel:1-800-563-0808)

YOU ARE NOT ALONE. HELP IS AVAILABLE.

Scan the QR code for more information and resources.



StopExtortion.ca



WHERE TO GET HELP

Emergency: Call 9-1-1

Victim services: VictimLink BC
1-800-563-0808

Report to your local police or RCMP

Report anonymously: Crime Stoppers:
1-800-222-8477

UNDERSTANDING EXTORTION AND GETTING HELP



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS.
STAY SAFE.
GET HELP.

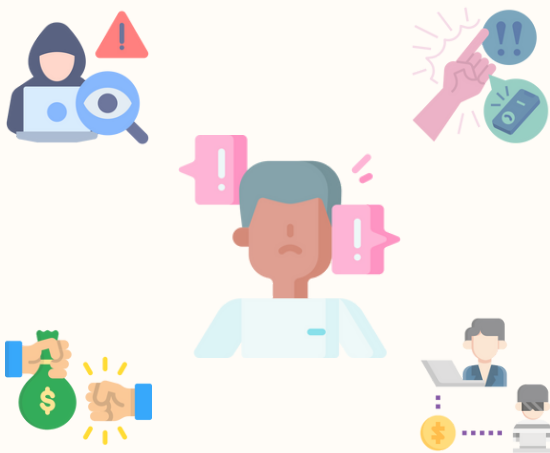
WHAT IS EXTORTION?

Extortion is a crime where someone uses threats, pressure, or intimidation to force a person or organization to give them money, property, services, or other benefits.

The threat may involve harm to a person, damage to property, or misuse of personal or sensitive information.

Common signs include:

- Demands for payment
- Threats of harm or damage
- Intimidating behaviour



Extortion can occur in person, through phone calls, texts, emails, or social media.

Offenders may also gather personal details from your online presence or daily routines to increase pressure.

IMMEDIATE STEPS TO TAKE

You may feel scared and pressured to comply with the demands. It is important that you do not respond to threats or comply with demands.

If you are being threatened – report it.



Call 9-1-1 if you are in immediate danger



Save any evidence (texts, emails, recordings)



Report to police

- Report to your local police
- Report anonymous tips to Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-8477



Do not respond to threats or comply with demands.

Every credible lead helps police connect files, identify suspects, and support justice outcomes.

PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS



Simple precautions can help you stay safe.

- Call for help immediately if you feel unsafe
- Stay aware of your surroundings
- Watch for signs of surveillance, tampering, or unusual activity
- Document all threats and suspicious activity
- Vary travel routes and routines
- Keep a charged phone
- Respond calmly to aggression
- Disengage safely if a situation escalates (e.g. stay calm, leave the area and get help)

SECURITY TIPS



These steps help create layers of security to protect against potential threats

- Reinforce doors and windows with strong locks
- Install motion-activated lighting and cameras for deterrence and detection
- Enable security settings to protect privacy online
- Enable two-factor authentication on all accounts
- Limit personal information sharing on social media
- Avoid location sharing
- Use strong, unique passwords
- Regularly check for data breaches