**Bulletin #3: For Parents of Ages 12–15**

**Middle School, Social Pressure, and Sextortion Risk**

Middle schoolers crave connection and often feel pressure to fit in This makes them vulnerable to grooming and sextortion.

A predator may pretend to be a peer, slowly building trust. Then comes the ask: a photo, a secret, a video. If your child feels ashamed, they may not tell you.

Shame can keep kids silent, even from parents.

**What You Can Do**

* Talk openly about consent, manipulation, and boundaries.
* Reassure them they won’t be in trouble for telling you the truth.
* Teach them how to block and report inappropriate requests.