Perpetrators on the internet use a lot of lines to get you to send personal pictures or information to them. In many cases, no matter what they say, these people will sell your images and information or use them to manipulate you. Don’t fall for it! Here are some lines to watch out for.

**I have a naked picture of you.**

The second you get a message like this, report it - to a teacher, a parent, a guardian or any other trusted adult. It’s the start of being blackmailed, it’s illegal, and it’s most likely a LIE.

**I’ll go away if you send me one more picture.**

This is a common lie. Don’t believe them. They’ll only continue to use lies, threats, and compliments to get more images.

**I can hack into your webcam and take pictures of you.**

If you are worried about someone hacking into your computer, you can cover your camera. Most likely this isn’t true and the perp knows information about you just from your social media accounts. Anyone who claims they have hacked into your computer are claiming to have committed a crime. Tell a trusted adult and they will support you.

**What you’re doing is illegal. I’ll tell the police and you’ll go to jail.**

The truth is, sending and receiving explicit images of children under the age of 18 is against the law. BUT if someone is using this to threaten you, they are the criminal and no matter what they say, the adults in your life can help and support you.

**I have a naked picture of you.**

This can be very scary and you may feel like you are in too deep at this point. You are not. This is just another threat. Even if it feels like it’s gone too far the truth is it is never too late to get help. Tell a trusted adult and you will be supported.

**I’m going to show up at your school/house.**

Whether it’s someone you know or a stranger on the internet, it’s never okay for someone to make you feel guilty by using threats of suicide or harm. This is a tactic used to get what they want from you. Don’t buy it and get help immediately.

**Don’t share explicit pictures and personal info with people you don’t know.**

**Change your privacy settings to make sure that only the people you know and trust have access to your accounts.**

**Don’t be afraid**

Maybe you’ve already sent an image or are concerned about your personal information. Your teachers are here to help and support you. Don’t be afraid to let someone know.