Preventing Sextortion Among Youth
#StartTheConversation

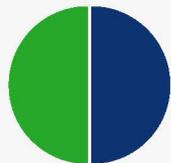Sextortion is an online exploitation crime directed towards children, in which coercion or blackmail is used

▶ to acquire sexual content ▶ to engage in sex ▶ to obtain money

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Youth are Sharing Nude Content

1 in 6 youth surveyed (ages 9 - 17) have shared a nude image

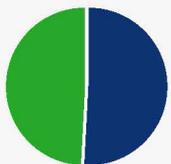**50%** of kids who shared didn't care if they knew the recipient in real life

41% of those youth who have shared, also sent images to people they believed to be ADULTS

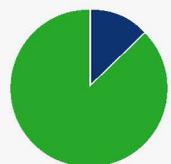*Information from Thorn SG-CSAM Report, 2020*

Child Sextortion Case Facts

60% knew the perpetrator

51% did not report incidents to family or friends

13% reported incidents to law enforcement

Information from Sextortion of Minors: Wolak et al, 2017

WHAT CAN WE DO?

☑ **Talk to your children about sexting & sextortion**

- ▶ Remind them: Don't create, request, or share images!
- ▶ Remember that 5 out of 6 children report that they haven't shared a nude image
- ▶ 1 in 4 victims of sextortion were 13 or younger when threatened
- ▶ The perpetrator is to blame!

☑ **Have regular conversations with your children about their online activity - be their trusted adult**
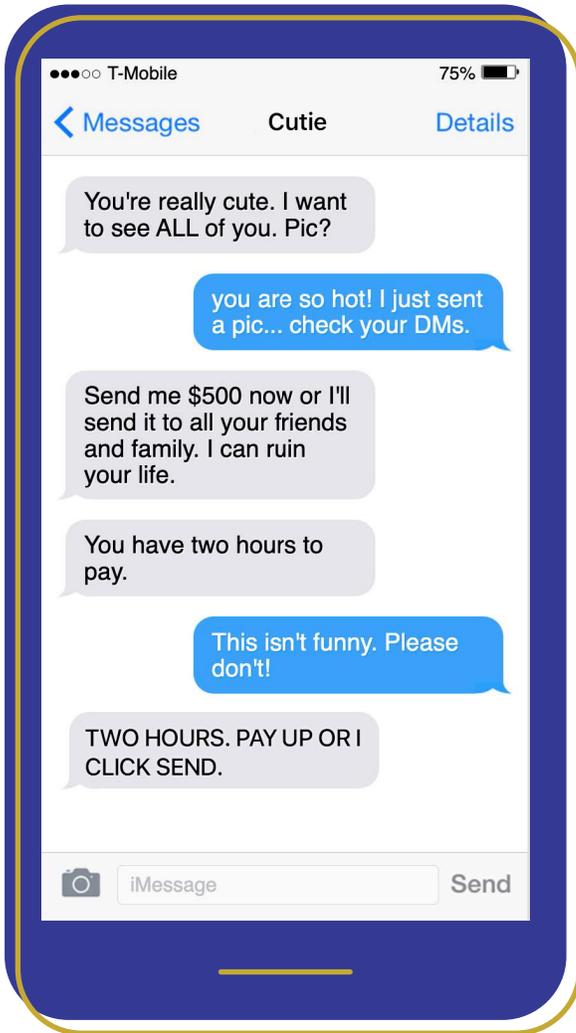
☑ **If someone asks for help, HELP THEM**

- ▶ Do you know anyone that may need help with this?
- ▶ There's no mistake too big. You can always ask for help.
- ▶ What would you do if someone pressured you for sexual images or "nudes"?

☑ **Access Helpful Resources**

- ▶ National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Website (missingkids.org)

  CyberTipline: Report sexual exploitation of minors at *www.report.cybertip.org*

  Get Help Now: Learn how to remove explicit content from popular platforms at *www.missingkids.org/gethelpnow/isyourex-plicitcontentoutthere*

- ▶ Thorn Website (thorn.org)

  Stop Sextortion: Help for victims, Tips for adults at *www.stopsextortion.com*

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THIS IS SEXTORTION

●●●○○ T-Mobile   **75%** 🔋

< Messages   **Cutie**   Details

You're really cute. I want to see ALL of you. Pic?

you are so hot! I just sent a pic... check your DMs.

Send me $500 now or I'll send it to all your friends and family. I can ruin your life.

You have two hours to pay.

This isn't funny. Please don't!

TWO HOURS. PAY UP OR I CLICK SEND.

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YOU ARE NOT ALONE.
There's help.

If it happens:

- Stop responding
- Take screenshots
- Report and block user
- Tell someone!
- *DON'T* send more images
- *DON'T* pay any money
- *DON'T* respond to demands
- *DON'T* continue the conversation

Even if you comply with demands, they may carry out the threat.

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HAS HAPPENED.

If you have been a victim, please get help.

- Report to local law enforcement; HSI and FBI may provide additional help
- Report to the CyberTipline: cybertipline.org
- Call or text the Suicide Crisis Lifeline: 988
- National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Sextortion Resources: missingkids.org/netsmartz/topics/sextortion

LOCAL RESOURCES:

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