

SEXTORTION

THREATS TO EXPOSE A SEXUAL IMAGE IN ORDER TO MAKE A PERSON DO SOMETHING

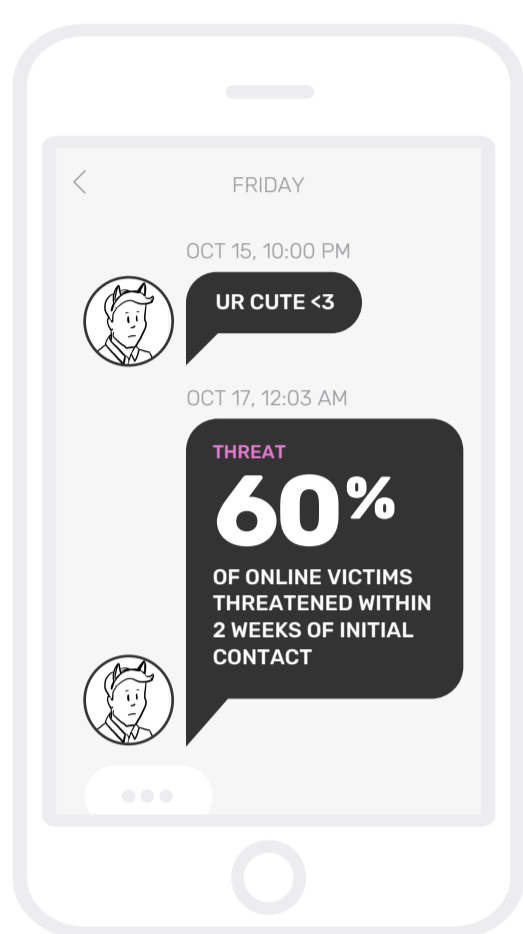
Sextortion is happening to kids and teens.



1 IN 4 Victims were **12 or younger** when threatened.



2 IN 3 Victims were **girls** threatened before the age of 16.

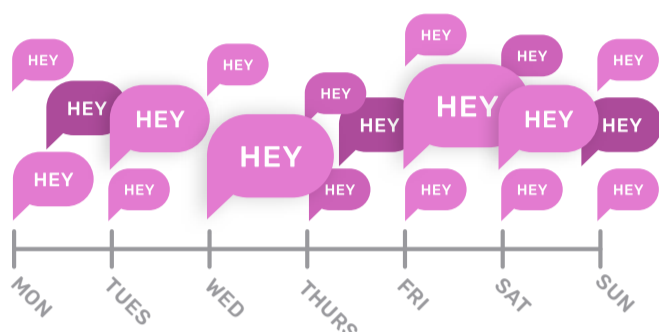


Threats happen sooner for online victims.



1 First contact is typically by phone via a social media friend request. Victims are **targeted on platforms they frequent**.

47% Of victims experienced **threats daily**



Victims are attempting to address the threats themselves.

Some victims took steps to prevent contact...

...but threats continued.

OCT 19, 9:00 PM

65% OF VICTIMS BLOCKED OFFENDERS FROM CONTACTING THEM IN HOPES OF GETTING AWAY.

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WHY DID YOU BLOCK ME?

OCT 19, 3:00 PM

45% OF VICTIMS REPORTED THAT THE CONTACT DIDN'T STOP AFTER BLOCKING OFFENDERS.

While others complied with offender demands.

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HEY, COME ON. SEND A PIC

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IT'S ONLY ONE

FINE, I'LL SEND ONE IF YOU STOP

62% COMPLIED WITH DEMANDS IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE THE THREATS STOP.

OCT 20, 2:34 AM

SEND MORE.

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MORE ...OR ELSE

68% OF VICTIMS REPORTED THAT THREATS BECAME MORE FREQUENT AFTER THEY COMPLIED WITH DEMANDS.

Victims are staying silent.



1 IN 3 Victims had **never told anyone**, largely because of shame or embarrassment.

“ Society continues to dismiss the fact that people are forced into situations (like sending nudes) and that they should be shamed if they are.

– FEMALE / ONLINE / AGE 13

Victims are less likely to report outside of their inner circle.



Stop sextortion before it starts. Learn more at stopsextortion.com

Thorn conducted an online survey in 2017 with 2,097 victims of sextortion from ages 13 to 25.