

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

THREATS ARE REAL



HOW DOES IT HAPPEN?



PERPETRATORS ARE OFTEN CURRENT, FORMER OR WOULD-BE ROMANTIC SEXUAL PARTNERS ATTEMPTING TO HARASS, EMBARRASS AND CONTROL VICTIMS.



SEXTORTION CAUSES SERIOUS HARM



1 in 4 victims saw a medical or mental health professional.



VICTIMS ARE STAYING SILENT



1 in 3 victims did not tell anyone, often because of shame, embarrassment and self-blame.



16%
TOLD LAW
ENFORCEMENT



20%
TOLD TECH
COMPANIES

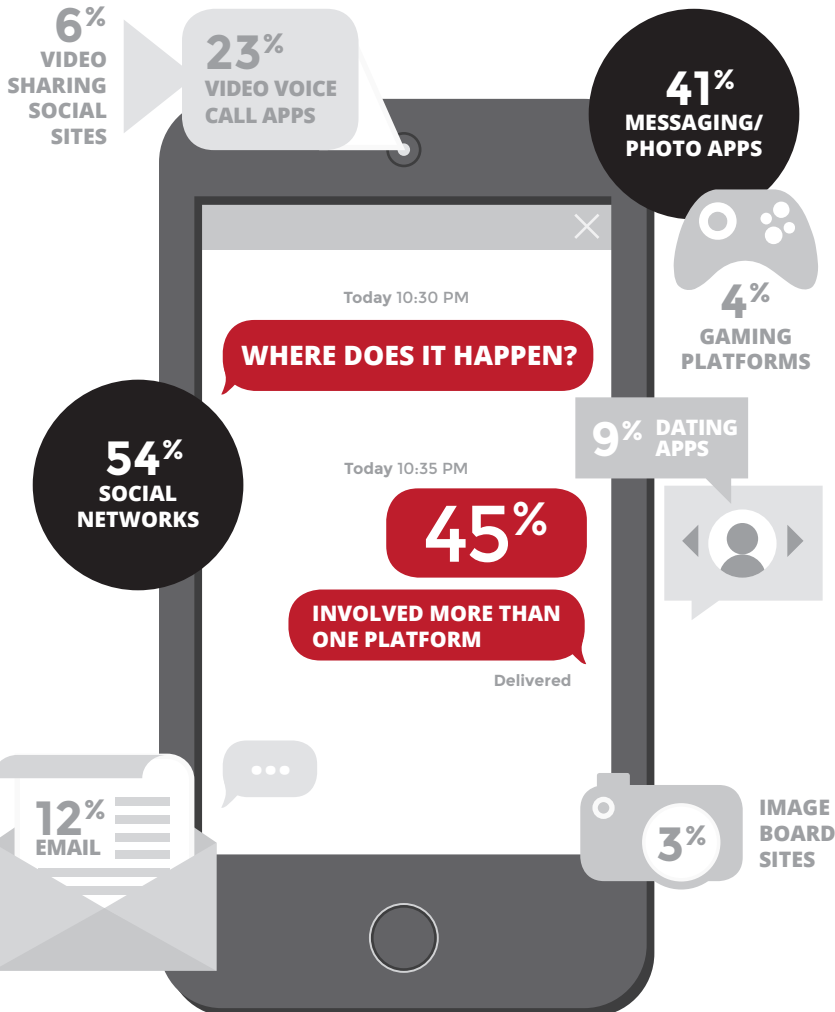


VICTIMS ARE UPROOTED



1 in 8 victims move from their homes for fear of their safety.

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To read the research and learn more about resources to address sextortion go to wearethorn.org/sextortion

*Thorn and the Crimes Against Children Research Center conducted an online survey with 1,631 victims of sextortion ages 18 to 25.