# 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*