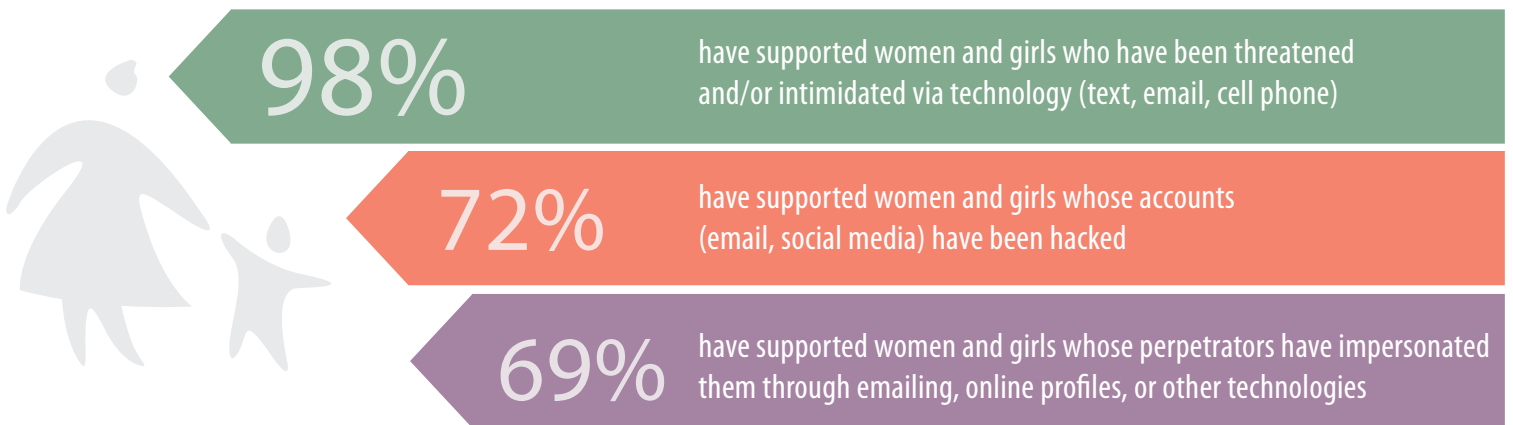


TECHNOLOGY MISUSE & VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN : SURVEY

IN CANADA, TECHNOLOGY IS INCREASINGLY BEING MISUSED TO PERPETRATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

Anti-violence workers are supporting women and girls who are being stalked, monitored, impersonated, and/or harassed through technology



89% of anti-violence workers want and need more information and resources to best respond to requests from women/children about technology misuse and benefits

54% have worked with women who have had technology included in their protection/restraining orders

53% said law enforcement officials are often not responsive to complaints about perpetrators' misuse of technology and believed this could be due to lack of training, funding, and resources

Anti-violence workers are concerned about privacy and confidentiality when using technology to communicate with women and girls

82% have concerns that perpetrators can intercept communication

62% are concerned that how we communicate or maintain information might negatively affect the privacy and safety of a woman/child

60% have concerns that someone else can intercept communication

84% of anti-violence workers across Canada safety plan with women and children around their own technology use, and how perpetrators might misuse technology as a form of power and control

Safety Net Canada aims to provide anti-violence workers with information about how technology can be used to benefit women fleeing and/or living with effects of violence and how perpetrators are misusing technology to stalk, monitor, harass, and control in the context of violence against women. safetynetcanada@bcsth.ca | www.bcsth.ca/SafetyNetCanada

