

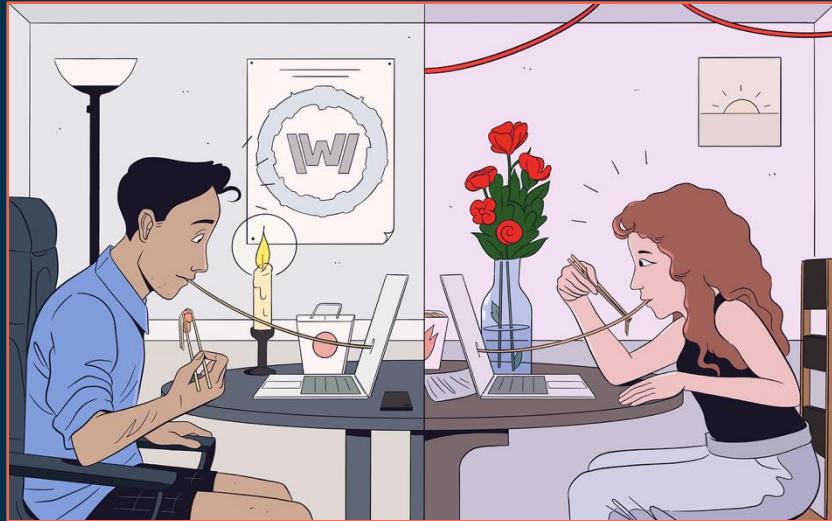
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# Addressing Tech-Facilitated Sexual Violence on College and University Campuses

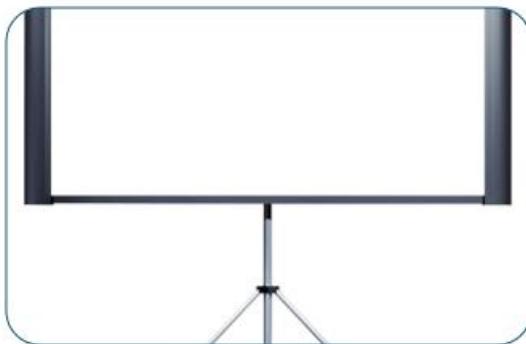




# WHAT IS DIGITAL INTIMACY

- Refers to the emotional closeness and connectedness that individuals feel through digital platforms
- Can be relationships using or completely created on social media, online gaming, discussion forums, text, Facetime, etc
- Though lacking physical presence, can be as meaningful, intense, and authentic as in-person

# STAYING SAFE WHEN SHARING INTIMATE IMAGES



## Check your background!

Block anything that could possibly identify you or help locate you.

Don't forget mirrors and windows!

## Keep your body safe!

Block unique body markings.

Cover your face or shoot from the neck down.

Block any identifying clothing.

## Be selective!

Careful where you share and who you share with.

Curate your social media.

Don't rush it!

# WHAT IS IMAGE BASED SEXUAL ABUSE (IBSA)?

**The creation and/or sharing of sexual or nude images or videos of another person, without their consent**

# TYPES OF IMAGE BASED SEXUAL ABUSE (IBSA)?

Non-consensual sexting

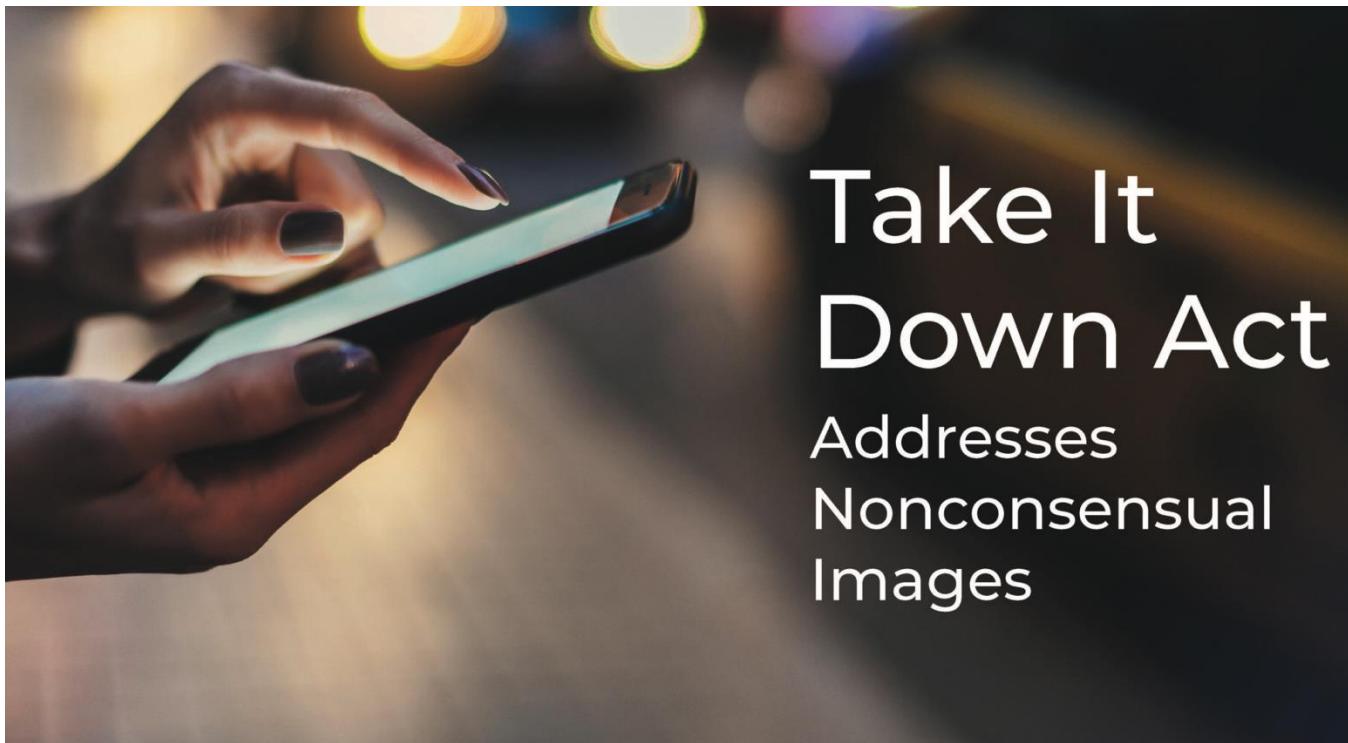
Non-consensual distribution

Sextortion

Deepfakes

# THE TAKE IT DOWN ACT

- 2025 law addressing nonconsensual real and manufactured intimate images
- Two parts to the law
- Learn more in Grand River Solutions article



# THE TAKE IT DOWN ACT: INDIVIDUALS

- Amendment to the federal Communications Act
- Applies to both actual images and videos that are taken of adults without consent or of children, as well as digital forgeries of depictions of adults and children
- Civil and criminal penalties

## Adults:

No person may knowingly publish an intimate visual depiction (photo or video) of a person 18 years of age or older if the image was obtained or created when:

- the person sharing the image knew or should have known that the identifiable person in the image had a reasonable expectation of privacy, and
- the image was not created voluntarily in a public or commercial setting, and
- publishing the image is intended to cause harm or causes psychological, financial, reputational, or other harm.

## Minors:

Prohibits knowingly publishing an intimate visual depiction (photo or video) of a child under years of age with intent to:

- abuse, humiliate, harass or degrade the minor, or
- arouse or gratify the sexual desire of any person.

# THE TAKE IT DOWN ACT: EXEMPTIONS

## Exemptions:

- investigation, protective, or intelligence activities of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and intelligence agencies;
- reasonable and good faith disclosures within legal and law enforcement proceedings;
- when possessed or shared for medical, scientific, and educational purposes;
- when reporting such a depiction for legal or takedown purposes;
- when seeking support or help for receiving such an image; and
- when assisting the identifiable individual.

- It is not a violation for a person to possess or publish a depiction of themselves.

# THE TAKE IT DOWN ACT: COMPANIES

- Intimate image “notice and takedown” (a la DMCA)
- On or before 5/19/2026:
  - Covered providers must establish processes for an individual identifiable in a nonconsensual illicit image (or authorized person acting on behalf) to notify and request take down
  - Notice must include:
    - physical or electronic signature,
    - localized identification of where the image is,
    - brief statement that the image was not shared consensually, and
    - contact information for the identified individual in the image.
- Platform’s notice must be conspicuous, clear, easy to read, and in plain language; it must provide information on how the notice and takedown system works.
- Upon valid notice receipt, provider must remove image and reasonably known identical copies “as soon as possible” w/i 48 hours.

# THE TAKE IT DOWN ACT: HIGHER ED

- Training for “first disclosure” recipients
- Connect with state and community agencies and NFP’s that may receive disclosures
- Consider updates to policies/review policies to see if they cover this type of conduct using up-to-date language as well as reviewing against other policies (e.g. Acceptable Use Policy) to ensure consistency, accuracy, and modernity

# RESOURCES

## Image Take Down

*For images taken before age 18: Missing Kids.org*

<https://www.missingkids.org/isyourexplicitcontentouthere>

**National Center for Missing and Exploited Children**

<https://takeitdown.ncmec.org/>

*For images taken after age 18: Without My Consent*

<https://withoutmyconsent.org/resources/something-can-be-done-guide/take-down/>

## Support Services

**Cyber Civil Rights Initiative**

<https://cybercivilrights.org/>  
1-844-878-CCRI (2274)

**National Domestic Violence Hotline**

<https://www.thehotline.org/>  
1-800-799-SAFE (7233), or text START to 88788

**Federal Trade Commission**

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-do-if-youre-target-revenge-porn>

**For Image Sharing Prevention:** <https://stopncii.org/>

# DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND PREVENTION

- Encourage safe image sharing practices
- Promote ethical digital intimacy and bystander competence
- Ensure campus partners are expanding their scope to include digital contexts
- Ensure campus and external resources are visible



# THANK YOU!



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