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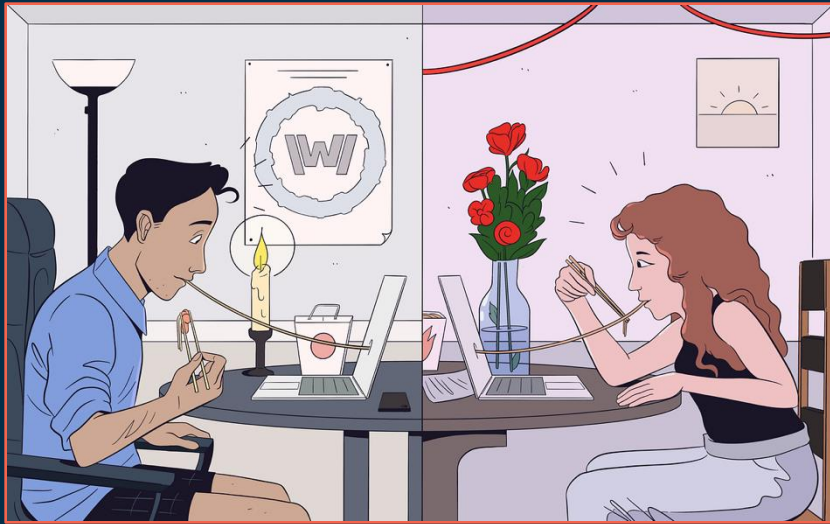


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Addressing Tech-Facilitated Sexual Violence

on College and University Campuses

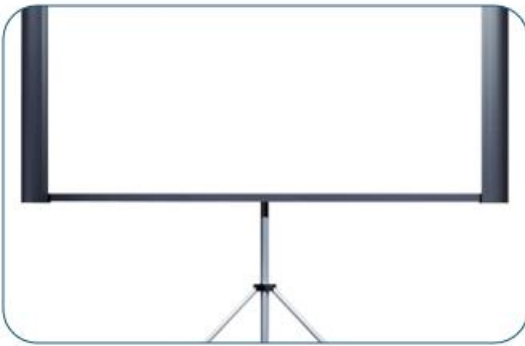




WHAT IS DIGITAL INTIMACY

- 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 forms, 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

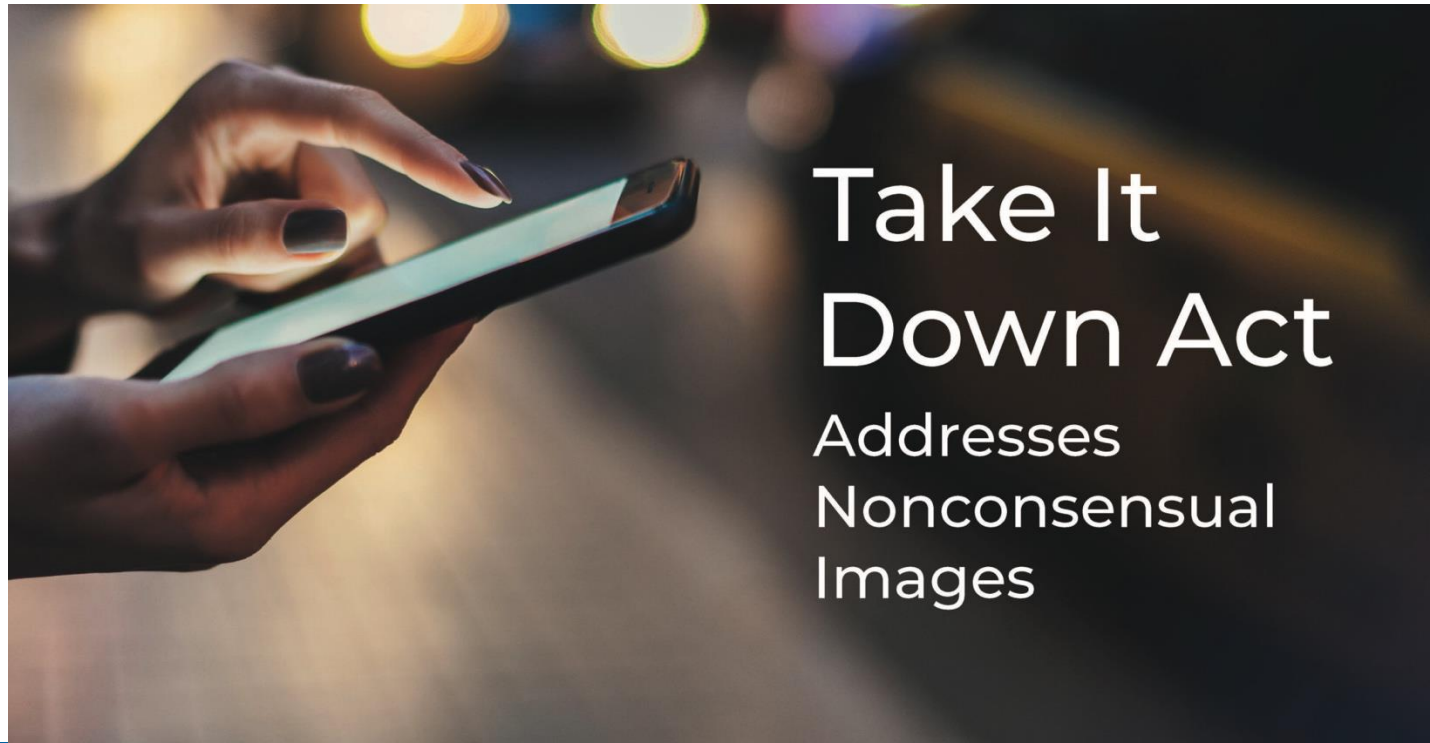
Non-consensual distribution

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](#)



Take It Down Act

Addresses
Nonconsensual
Images

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.
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- 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/isyourexplicitcontentoutthere>

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

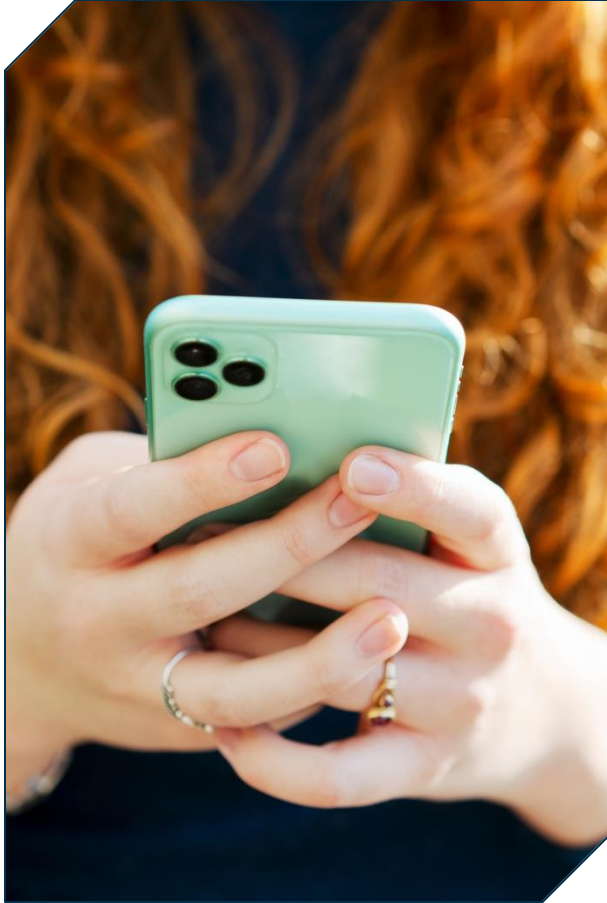
<https://www.thehotline.org/>
1-800-799-SAFE (7233), or text START to 88788

Federal Trade Commission

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

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

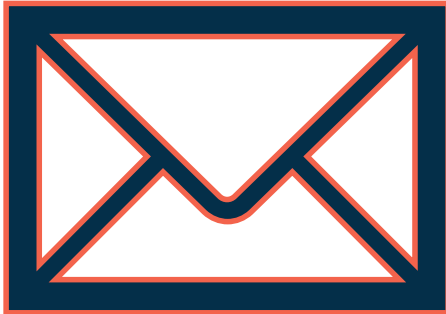
DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND PREVENTION



- 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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